

WELLINGTON AND DUMMER RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION INCORPORATING CARRIAGE DRIVING

England & Wales · Charity number 1187442

Details

Other names	WELLINGTON AND DUMMER RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2020-01-17
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

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

Activities: Provides facilities to promote the objectives of The Riding for the Disabled Association incorporating Carriage Driving by providing people with the opportunity to ride and/or carriage drive to benefit their health and well being in the Basingstoke area

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

Geography

- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£17,796	£21,244	-	-
2024-03-31	£21,091	£17,042	-	-
2023-03-31	£18,603	£16,994	-	-
2022-03-31	£23,634	£24,719	-	-
2021-03-31	£0	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Clare Louise Beswick	Chair	2022-03-22
Jacqueline Penelope Matson		2019-12-14
Keith Hall		2019-12-14
Kirstie Ann Stevens		2024-08-03
PATRICIA ANNE WILLATS		2019-12-14
STEPHANIE JOAN WESTON		2019-12-14

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1187442

Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statement
For the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for

WELLINGTON AND DUMMER RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION
INCORPORATING CARRIAGE DRIVING

Issue 1 : 27 October 2025

Wellington and Dummer Riding For The Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Reference and Administrative Details

For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

TRUSTEES	Mrs C L Beswick	Chair
	Mrs P A Willats	
	Mrs J P Matson	Treasurer
	Miss S J Weston	Secretary
	Mr K Hall	
	Mr H T Matthewson	Until 04/04/24
	Ms K A Stevens	From 03/08/24

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1187442

CHARITY STATUS Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Wellington and Dummer Riding For The Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Aims

Provides facilities to promote the objectives of The Riding for the Disabled Association incorporating Carriage Driving a charity registered under charity number 244108 ("RDA") by providing people with the opportunity to ride and/or carriage driving to benefit their health and well-being in the Basingstoke area.

Wellington and Dummer Riding for the Disabled Group is an independent charity operating under the umbrella, and with the support of RDA National Office. National Office provides no routine financial support.

Significant Activities

The activities that contribute to the Charity's aims are carried out at two locations:

Paddock Lodge	and	Wellington Riding
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and provide the means for people to ride at the level of their ability, choice and ambition. This Group does not provide carriage driving lessons.

Paddock Lodge is the home and property of one of the Group's Trustee/Coaches and the riding facilities are provided rent free to the Group.

Wellington Riding is a commercial stables and riding school which provided stabling for one of the group's ponies on a working livery basis and indoor riding facilities for Group activities on payment of a small fee.

Public Benefits

The Group has continued with the existing format, keeping the highest possible standards to offer riding, dressage, groundwork, proficiency tests, endeavour awards and horse care tuition. The Group also supports a number of individuals seeking their Duke of Edinburgh Awards at bronze and silver levels.

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A total of 37 riders, with ages ranging from 5-75, have been supported during the year 2024-2025, this is an increase of 2 compared with the year 2023-2024. A total of 740 person/sessions were delivered during the year. There remains a strong demand for places for riders and in order to increase availability, Saturday lessons at Dummer continue to be fortnightly to allow two groups of riders to alternate.

Wellington & Dummer RDA Group supports riders with a wide range of physical and intellectual disabilities including conditions such as autism, global learning delay, cerebral palsy, Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, ADHD, Down Syndrome, partially sighted, transplant, Spina Bifida, Frasers Syndrome, Nemaline Myopathy, dyslexia, spastic paraparesis, myotonic dystrophy.

The group continues to support Hippotherapy sessions at Dummer. Hippotherapy is a form of physical therapy which uses the natural gait and movement of a horse to provide motor and sensory input. Hippotherapy can help with strengthening and stretching muscles and with balance. Three riders have benefitted from this activity this year.

At the end of the reporting year the Group owns four ponies.

Role and Contribution of Volunteers

Wellington & Dummer RDA Group has no paid staff and is totally dependent on 4 volunteer coaches and an additional 22 active volunteers, this is a decrease of 5 active volunteers compared with the year 2023-2024.

During the reporting period the following long service milestones were reached by volunteers

- 1 x 15 years volunteering
- 1 x 10 years volunteering

Charitable Activities

All our activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes, as set out in our charitable objectives and aims.

Key Activities

End of Term parties were held in July and December which included the presentation of rider achievement certificates and volunteer long service certificates.

A Training Day for volunteers was held before the start of the September term.

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On 1st February 2025, one of the group's ponies, Alfie, was put to sleep by the veterinary surgeon. Sadly, he was diagnosed with cancer in April 2024. He was operated on, but it unfortunately can back more aggressively at the end of 2024. Alfie had helped countless adults and children to learn to ride over the ten years he was with the group.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Income and Expenditure for the Period is attached at Annex A to this report. There has been a cash deficit of £3448.56 and an asset deficit of £7750.00. The reduction in asset values has been caused by reassessment and depreciation of group assets.

The Statement of Assets (31/3/2025) is attached at Annex B to this report.

The Wellington & Dummer RDA Group does not receive any grants or donations from Central or Local Government nor does it receive any regular contributions from RDA Headquarters.

Riders are not charged for their lessons at Dummer, and although donations are requested, they are not compulsory, as the trustees wish the facilities to be available to all.

Wellington Riding make a small charge for lessons carried out at their facility and these charges are passed on to the riders involved.

The Group is funded primarily by rider and other donations and by other fundraising.

One of the Group's ponies, Dude, is on loan at Sparsholt College Equine Centre.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The charity is controlled by its governing document "Constitution of the Wellington and Dummer Riding for the Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving (Charitable Incorporated Organisation)" approved by the Wellington and Dummer Riding for the Disabled Group Annual General Meeting held on 14 December 2019.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

As set out in the constitution, the initial trustees were appointed by the AGM. As detailed in Clause 15(5) of the constitution, "the trustees may at any time decide to appoint a new charity trustee". During this reporting period no trustees were appointed or resigned.

Wellington and Dummer Riding For The Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Wider Network

The Group maintains close contact with RDA Headquarters and with local RDA Groups to ensure training and certification is kept at a high level and that best practice is followed in all operational areas.

Safeguarding

The Group has a Safeguarding Officer and a Safeguarding Policy. All coaches hold Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) certificates. All other volunteers either hold Enhanced DBS certificates or are in the process of applying for certificates. In line with the current DBS process, all DBS certificate holder subscribe to the online update service which ensures that all clearances are automatically kept up to date.

Approved by order of the trustees on 27/10/25 and signed on their behalf


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C L Beswick - Chair / Trustee

Wellington and Dummer Riding For The Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Annex A

Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31.03.2025				
Bank Reconciliation	2023/24		2024/25	
NatWest Current account	615.47		607.84	
Natwest Business Reserve account	26765.21		23324.28	
Cash in hand	10.00		10.00	
TOTAL	27390.68		23942.12	
Receipts				
Bucket Collection	797.59			
Benevity (Kirstie)	363.66		399.84	
Summer Party	127.14		199.00	
Art Exhibition	600.00			
Tracy Nye	914.00		420.42	
Other Fundraising	542.01		255.36	
Wellington Riding	1945.20		1228.50	
Interest	272.75		359.07	
RDA South			965.00	
Riders' Donations	5290.44		5292.00	
Basingstoke Golf Club	5621.59			
Other Donations	3337.34		2348.76	
Clothing collection			102.70	
Events	180.00			
Calendars and Cards sales	51.81		315.77	
Wellington Country			3800.00	
Rotary Club of Deane			800.00	
Wellington Riding Club			1000.00	
Gemma Gideon (Tuck Shop)			151.88	
Christmas Party cake sale			157.51	
Gift Aid	1047.44			
	21090.97		17795.81	
Payments				
Farrier	1540.00		1410.00	
Insurance	896.53		477.00	
Wellington Riding	1887.94		1312.50	
Arena/Paddock/Fencing	2465.00		1058.50	
Feed/Bedding	3934.45		4019.60	
Hydraulic Lift	350.00		192.50	
Rider to exercise ponies	582.00		655.00	
Pony Equipment	805.65		813.48	
Stamps	36.00		88.75	
Vet/Dentist/Physio	3137.46		5986.93	
DBS checks	27.90			
First Aid Training			466.00	
New wheel for wheelbarrow			37.28	
Card Readers	69.99			
Miscellaneous			57.38	
Events	1195.25		40.00	
Gifts	114.60		45.47	
Toilet			4583.98	
TOTAL	17042.77		21244.37	
SUMMARY 2023/2024				
	Opening balance	27390.68	Payments	21244.37
	Receipts	17795.81	Closing balance	23942.12
		45186.49		45186.49

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Annex B

Statement of Assets 31/03/2024

	Purchase Price	Year Purchased	Value 31/03/2024
<u>Horses</u>			
Tara	£3000	2013	not saleable
Chloe	£1450	2015	not saleable
Dude	£2800	2016	not saleable
Taffy	Free	2019	not saleable
<u>Other</u>			
Tack	£3800	2013-21	£1500
Hydraulic Lift	£12600	2013	£500
Toilet	£2271	2021	£250
Field shelter	£2450	2019	£200
Arena equipment	£1000	2017-2022	£200
Energisers	£750	2017-2019	£300
TOTAL			£2950

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1187442

Report of the Trustees and

Financial Statement

For the Year Ended 31 March 2024

for

WELLINGTON AND DUMMER RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION
INCORPORATING CARRIAGE DRIVING

Issue 1 : 18 November 2024

Wellington and Dummer Riding For The Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Reference and Administrative Details

For the Year Ended 31 March 2024

TRUSTEES	Mrs C L Beswick Mrs P A Willats Mrs J P Matson Miss S J Weston Mr K Hall Mr H T Matthewson	Chair (from 15/05/23) Treasurer Secretary Trustee (chair until 15/05/23)
REGISTERED ADDRESS	Paddock Lodge Farleigh Lane Dummer Basingstoke RG25 2AF	
EMAIL ADDRESS	wellington.dummerrda@gmail.com	
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1187442	
CHARITY STATUS	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)	

Wellington and Dummer Riding For The Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Aims

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Significant Activities

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Wellington Riding is a commercial stables and riding school which provided stabling for one of the group's ponies on a working livery basis and indoor riding facilities for Group activities on payment of a small fee.

Public Benefits

A total of 35 riders have been supported during the year 2023-2024, this is a decrease of 2 compared with the year 2022-2023. There remains a strong demand for places for riders and in order to increase availability, Saturday lessons at Dummer continue to be fortnightly to allow two groups of riders to alternate.

Wellington and Dummer Riding For The Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving

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Wellington & Dummer RDA Group supports riders with a wide range physical and intellectual disabilities including conditions such as autism, global learning delay, cerebral palsy, Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, ADHD, Down Syndrome, partially sighted, transplant, Spina Bifida, Frasers Syndrome, Nemaline Myopathy, dyslexia, spastic paraparesis, myotonic dystrophy.

The group continues to support Hippotherapy sessions at Dummer. Hippotherapy is a form of physical therapy which uses the natural gait and movement of a horse to provide motor and sensory input. Hippotherapy can help with strengthening and stretching muscles and with balance. Three riders have benefitted from this activity this year.

At the end of the reporting year the Group owns five ponies.

Role and Contribution of Volunteers

Wellington & Dummer RDA Group has no paid staff and is totally dependent on 6 volunteer coaches and an additional 27 active volunteers, this is a decrease of 14 active volunteers compared with the year 2022-2023.

During the reporting period the following long service milestones were reached by volunteers

- 1 x 15 years volunteering
- 1 x 10 years volunteering

Charitable Activities

All our activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes, as set out in our charitable objectives and aims.

Key Activities

During this year a full programme of Regional and National Championships were held with participation by the Group in both.

At the Regional Championships there were 5 entries in dressage (3x 1st, 1x 2nd and 1x 5th), 1 in showjumping (1st), 1 in Arts and Crafts (1st). In total 4 qualified for the National Championships.

At the National Championships there were 3 entries in dressage (1x 3rd place), 1 in showjumping (3rd place) and 1 in Arts and Crafts (6th place). 3 riders were unable to compete as the Sunday programme was cancelled due to extreme heat.

End of Term parties were held in July and December which included the presentation of rider achievement certificates and volunteer long service certificates.

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

End of Term parties were held in July and December which included the presentation of rider achievement certificates and volunteer long service certificates.

A Training Day for volunteers was held before the start of the September term.

On 2nd June 2023, one of the group's ponies, Domino, was put to sleep by the veterinary surgeon. Sadly, he had issues with his legs that couldn't be managed to help him feel comfortable. Domino had helped countless people to learn to ride over the eleven years he was with the group.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Income and Expenditure for the Period is attached at Annex A to this report. There has been a cash surplus of £4048.20 and an asset deficit of £7400.00. The reduction in asset values has been caused by another pony now being assessed as unsaleable (due to age, physical condition and/or temperament) and depreciation of other group assets.

The Statement of Assets (31/3/2024) is attached at Annex B to this report.

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Riders are not charged for their lessons at Dummer, and although donations are requested, they are not compulsory, as the trustees wish the facilities to be available to all.

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Safeguarding

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Approved by order of the trustees on14/12/24..... and signed on their behalf


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C L Beswick - Chair / Trustee

Wellington and Dummer Riding For The Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Annex A

Wellington and Dummer Riding for the Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving			
Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31.03.2024			
Bank Reconciliation			
		2022/23	2023/24
Lloyds Current account		closed	
NatWest Current account		690.02	615.47
Lloyds Business Instant account		closed	
Natwest Business Reserve account		22642.46	26765.21
Cash in hand		10.00	10.00
	TOTAL	23342.48	27390.68
Liabilities		0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	23342.48	27390.68
	NET BALANCE	23342.48	27390.68
Receipts			
Bucket Collection		433.10	797.59
Benevity (Kirstie)			363.66
Summer Party			127.14
Art Exhibition			600.00
Tracy Nye			914.00
Other Fundraising		2559.76	542.01
Wellington Riding		2193.00	1945.20
Interest		91.29	272.75
RDA South		600.00	
Riders' Donations		5254.71	5290.44
Basingstoke Golf Club			5621.59
Other Donations		4786.46	3337.34
Events		1341.00	180.00
Calendars and Cards sales		307.00	51.81
Grant		110.00	
Gift Aid		926.96	1047.44
		18603.28	21090.97
Payments			
Farrier		1460.00	1540.00
Insurance		1188.91	896.53
Wellington Riding		2028.00	1887.94
Arena/Paddock/Fencing		1302.41	2465.00
Feed/Bedding		3365.61	3934.45
Hydraulic Lift		175.00	350.00
Rider to exercise ponies		825.00	582.00
Pony Equipment		2161.81	805.65
Stamps			36.00
Vet/Dentist/Physio		2219.59	3137.46
DBS checks		25.20	27.90
Riding hats		210.82	
Wheelbarrows and new wheels		158.44	
Card Readers			69.99
Miscellaneous		48.48	
Events		1558.81	1195.25
Gifts		98.40	114.60
Fundraising expenses		167.27	
	TOTAL	16993.75	17042.77
SUMMARY 2023/2024			
Opening balance	23342.48	Payments	17042.77
Receipts	21090.97	Closing balance	27390.68
	44433.45		44433.45

Wellington and Dummer Riding For The Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Annex B

Statement of Assets 31/03/2024

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TOTAL			£10700

Accounts

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For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

for

WELLINGTON AND DUMMER RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION
INCORPORATING CARRIAGE DRIVING

Issue 1 : 29 August 2023

Wellington and Dummer Riding For The Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving

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Reference and Administrative Details

For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

TRUSTEES	Mr H T Matthewson Mrs C L Beswick Mrs P A Willats Mrs J P Matson Ms S J Weston Mr K Hall Mrs S Beckell	Chairman Vice Chair Treasurer Trustee (until 01/10/2022)
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Public Benefits

A total of 37 riders have been supported during the year 2022-2023, this is an increase of 9 compared with the year 2021-2022. There remains a strong demand for places for riders and in order to increase availability, Saturday lessons at Dummer continue to be fortnightly to allow two groups of riders to alternate.

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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At the end of the reporting year the Group owns six ponies.

Covid-19

The group has had a year of full operations after the Covid-19 pandemic, however enhanced hygiene/cleaning procedures and Illness Protocol have been reviewed and retained as best practice for the protection of riders and volunteers

Role and Contribution of Volunteers

Wellington & Dummer RDA Group has no paid staff and is totally dependent on 6 volunteer coaches and an additional 41 active volunteers, this is an increase of 9 active volunteers compared with the year 2021-2022.

During the reporting period the following long service milestones were reached by volunteers

- 1 x 40 years volunteering
- 1 x 15 years volunteering
- 1 x 10 years volunteering

Charitable Activities

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Key Activities

During this year a full programme of Regional and National Championships were held with participation by the Group in both.

At the Regional Championships there were 5 entries in dressage (1x 1st, 1x 2nd, 1x 3rd, 1x 4th and 1x 5th), 1 in showjumping (1st), 1 in Arts and Crafts (1st). In total 6 qualified for the National Championships.

At the National Championships there were 4 entries in dressage (5th place), 1 in showjumping (6th place) and 1 in Arts and Crafts (5th place). 3 riders were unable to compete as the Sunday programme was cancelled due to extreme heat.

Wellington and Dummer Riding For The Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

End of Term parties were held in July and December which included the presentation of rider achievement certificates and volunteer long service certificates.

A Summer Garden Party was held in July with Sophie Christiansen CBE, Paralympic gold medallist, as guest speaker.

A Training Day for volunteers was held before the start of the September term.

In the spring of 2022, the group started supporting Hippotherapy sessions at Dummer. Hippotherapy is a form of physical therapy which uses the natural gait and movement of a horse to provide motor and sensory input. Hippotherapy can help with strengthening and stretching muscles and with balance. Five riders have benefitted from this activity so far.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

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One of the Group's ponies, Dude, was assessed as being no longer suitable for RDA use. Following unsuccessful attempts to sell Dude an opportunity arose for him to be loaned to Sparsholt College Equine Centre. He was one of 6 ponies chosen from 30 applications and will be helping people with learning difficulties learn about equine management and will also be ridden by some of the students there. This loan was made using a British Horse Society loan agreement and will reduce to cost of ownership to the group. The transfer was completed on 6 November 2022 and will be reviewed periodically by both parties.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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29 August 2023

Approved by order of the trustees on and signed on their behalf

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C L Beswick - Chair / Trustee

Wellington and Dummer Riding For The Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Annex A

Wellington and Dummer Riding for the Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31.03.2023			
Bank Reconciliation			
		2021/22	2022/23
Lloyds Current account		0.00	closed
NatWest Current account		121.78	690.02
Lloyds Business Instant account		0.00	closed
Natwest Business Reserve account		21601.17	22642.46
Cash in hand		10.00	10.00
	TOTAL	21732.95	23342.48
Liabilities		0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	21732.95	23342.48
	NET BALANCE	21732.95	23342.48
Receipts			
Bucket Collection			433.10
Fund Raising		2975.40	2559.76
Wellington Riding		1342.50	2193.00
Interest		2.50	91.29
RDA South		5712.25	600.00
Riders' Donations		2792.00	5254.71
Other Donations		4122.21	4786.46
Virgin Money Giving		2404.90	
Events			1341.00
Calendars and Cards sales		220.00	307.00
Contributions		141.80	
Grants			110.00
Gift Aid			926.96
Sale of Munch		3500.00	
RDA South Expenses Claim-First Aid Training		420.00	
		23633.56	18603.28
Payments			
Farrier		1640.00	1460.00
Insurance		1138.22	1188.91
Wellington Riding		1246.50	2028.00
Arena/Paddock/Fencing		2937.66	1302.41
Feed/Bedding		3603.31	3365.61
Toilet and Ramp		6471.02	
Hydraulic Lift		350.00	175.00
Rider to exercise ponies		645.00	825.00
Pony Equipment		1693.23	2161.81
Stamps/Stationery/Cabinet		53.74	
First Aid Training		572.40	
Vet/Dentist/Physio		3649.87	2219.59
DBS checks		12.00	25.20
Riding hats			210.82
Wheelbarrows and new wheels			158.44
Tractor Service		50.00	
Card Readers		181.98	
Miscellaneous		60.00	48.48
First Aid/Covid expenses		299.69	
Events			1558.81
Gifts		114.86	98.40
Fundraising expenses			167.27
	TOTAL	24719.48	16993.75
SUMMARY 2022/2023			
Opening balance	21732.95	Payments	16993.75
Receipts	18603.28	Closing balance	23342.48
	40336.23		40336.23

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Annex B

Statement of Assets 31/03/2023

	Purchase Price	Year Purchased	Value 31/03/2023
<u>Horses</u>			
Domino	£3500	2012	not saleable
Tara	£3000	2013	not saleable
Alfie	£3750	2015	£3000
Chloe	£1450	2015	not saleable
Dude	£2800	2016	not saleable
Taffy	Free	2019	not saleable
<u>Other</u>			
Tack	£800	2019-21	£500
Tack	£3000	2013-16	£1900
Hydraulic Lift	£12600	2013	£7500
Tractor	£6500	2015	not saleable
Toilet	£5521	2021	£4500
Field shelter	£2450	2019	£200
Arena equipment	£1000	2017-2022	£500
TOTAL			£18,100

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1187442

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Financial Statement

For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

for

WELLINGTON AND DUMMER RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION
INCORPORATING CARRIAGE DRIVING

Wellington and Dummer Riding For The Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

Reference and Administrative Details

For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

TRUSTEES	Mr H T Matthewson Mr R Jenner OBE Mrs C L Beswick Mrs P A Willats Mrs J P Matson Mrs S Beckell Ms S J Weston Mr K Hall	Chairman / Trustee (from 29 January 2022) Chairman / Trustee (until 29 January 2022) Trustee (from 22 March 2022)
REGISTERED ADDRESS	Paddock Lodge Farleigh Lane Dummer Basingstoke RG25 2AF	
EMAIL ADDRESS	harveymatthewson98@gmail.com	
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1187442	
CHARITY STATUS	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)	

Wellington and Dummer Riding For The Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Aims

Provides facilities to promote the objectives of The Riding for the Disabled Association incorporating Carriage Driving a charity registered under charity number 244108 ("RDA") by providing people with the opportunity to ride and/or carriage driving to benefit their health and well-being in the Basingstoke area.

Wellington and Dummer Riding for the Disabled Group is an independent charity operating under the umbrella, and with the support of RDA National Office. National Office provides no routine financial support.

Significant Activities

The activities that contribute to the Charity's aims are carried out at two locations:

Paddock Lodge	and	Wellington Riding
Farleigh Lane		Heckfield
Dummer		Hook
Basingstoke		Hampshire
Hampshire		RG27 0LJ
RG25 2AF		

and provide the means for people to ride at the level of their ability, choice and ambition. This Group does not provide carriage driving lessons.

Paddock Lodge is the home and property of one of the Group's Trustee/Coaches and the riding facilities are provided rent free to the Group.

Wellington Riding is a commercial stables and riding school which provided stabling for one of the group's ponies on a working livery basis and indoor riding facilities for Group activities on payment of a small fee.

Public Benefits

A total of 28 riders have been supported during the year 2021-2022. There remains a strong demand for places for riders and in order to increase availability after the Covid lockdown, Saturday lessons at Dummer are fortnightly to allow two groups of riders to alternate.

Wellington & Dummer RDA Group supports riders with a wide range physical and intellectual disabilities including conditions such as autism, global learning delay, cerebral palsy, Ehlers-

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Danlos Syndrome, ADHD, Down Syndrome, partially sighted, transplant, Spina Bifida, Frasers Syndrome, Nemaline Myopathy, dyslexia, spastic paraparesis, myotonic dystrophy.

At the end of the reporting year the Group owns six ponies.

Covid-19

The Covid-19 pandemic had a huge impact on the operation of Wellington & Dummer RDA Group. Beyond the numerous national and local lockdowns and restrictions, the Trustees had to conduct a series of specific risk assessments to take into account the impact of operations which include volunteers in close proximity to physically and intellectually disabled riders who have a number of underlying medical conditions. The Group was closed to riders from the start of lockdown until 15 September 2021 – a total of 541 non-operational days.

Role and Contribution of Volunteers

Wellington & Dummer RDA Group has no paid staff and is totally dependent on 6 volunteer coaches and an additional 32 active volunteers.

Lockdown placed an enormous additional burden on a much smaller number of volunteers who had the job of looking after the ponies and maintaining the facilities to allow restart after the pandemic. Wellington and Dummer RDA Group owes them a huge debt of gratitude for giving up so much time in such difficult circumstances.

During the reporting period the following long service milestones were reached by volunteers

- 1 x 20 years volunteering
- 1 x 15 years volunteering
- 3 x 10 years volunteering
- 3 x 5 years volunteering

Charitable Activities

All our activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes, as set out in our charitable objectives and aims.

Key Activities

This has clearly been a very unusual year with the Group being closed for riding for the first six (spring & summer) months with all riding classes cancelled, as were the usual national and local events. Rider development is now progressing well again.

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The RDA National Championships could not be held live in 2021-22 due to Covid restrictions, however, a virtual championship was held on 25 & 26 September 2021, with five Wellington & Dummer Group entrants, resulting in two second places and one third place in the Arts & Crafts Classes.

As part of the post Covid restart, first aid and safeguarding courses were held at Dummer along with training/refresher sessions for all volunteers.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Income and Expenditure for the Period is attached at Annex A to this report. There has been a deficit of £1,086.87; the Trustees consider this to be acceptable within the normal fluctuations of the charity and does not pose a risk to future viability.

The Statement of Assets (31/3/2022) is attached at Annex B to this report.

The Wellington & Dummer RDA Group does not receive any grants or donations from Central or Local Government nor does it receive any regular contributions from RDA Headquarters.

Riders are not charged for their lessons at Dummer, and although donations are requested, they are not compulsory, as the trustees wish the facilities to be available to all.

Wellington Riding make a small charge for lessons carried out at their facility and these charges are passed on to the riders involved.

The Group is funded primarily by rider and other donations and by other fundraising.

During the period 2021-22 there were two additional sources of income:

- A grant was received from RDA Headquarters for £5712 for the provision of a toilet next to the stables at Paddock Lodge.
- Sale of one of the Group's ponies, £3500.

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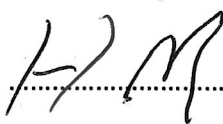
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09 January 2023

Approved by order of the trustees on  and signed on their behalf


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H T Matthewson - Chairman / Trustee

Wellington and Dummer Riding For The Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving

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Annex A

Wellington and Dummer Riding for the Disabled Incorporating Carriage Driving			
Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31.03.2022			
Bank Reconciliation			
		2020/21	2021/22
Lloyds Current account		769.29	0.00
NatWest Current account			121.78
Lloyds Business Instant account		22039.58	0.00
Natwest Business Reserve account			21601.17
Cash in hand		10.00	10.00
	TOTAL	22818.87	21732.95
Liabilities		0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	22818.87	21732.95
	NET BALANCE	22818.87	21732.95
Receipts			
Fund Raising		399.63	2975.40
Wellington Riding		158.50	1342.50
Interest		5.11	2.50
RDA South			5712.25
Riders' Donations		1328.00	2792.00
Other Donations		6628.35	4122.21
Virgin Money Giving		6652.64	2404.90
Grant-ESC Lottery Fund (Sport England)		850.00	
Calendars		265.08	220.00
Contributions			141.80
Hampshire Fund - for purchase of PPE		250.00	
Gift Aid		549.60	
Sale of Munch			3500.00
RDA South Expenses Claim-First Aid Training			420.00
		17086.91	23633.56
Payments			
Farrier		1515.00	1640.00
Insurance		2201.57	1138.22
Wellington Riding		180.00	1246.50
Arena/Paddock/Fencing		907.20	2937.66
Feed/Bedding		4233.77	3603.31
Toilet and Ramp			6471.02
Hydraulic Lift			350.00
Rider to exercise Dude			645.00
Pony Equipment		1378.73	1693.23
Stamps/Stationery/Cabinet		67.42	53.74
First Aid Training			572.40
Vet/Dentist/Physio		1559.92	3649.87
DBS checks			12.00
Removal of field shelter		405.00	
Wheelbarrows		357.50	
Tractor Service			50.00
Card Readers			181.98
Miscellaneous			60.00
First Aid/Covid expenses			299.69
Gifts			114.86
	TOTAL	12806.11	24719.48
SUMMARY 2021/22			
Opening balance	22818.87	Payments	24719.48
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	46452.43		46452.43

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Tractor	£6500	2015	not saleable
Toilet	£5521	2021	£5000
TOTAL			£23150

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**WELLINGTON AND DUMMER RIDING FOR THE DISABLED
ASSOCIATION INCORPORATING CARRIAGE DRIVING**

Charity Commission Number: 1187442

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts 2020/2021

Wellington and Dummer Riding for the Disabled Association is in the process of converting from an Unincorporated charity (Charity Commission Number 1073726) to this Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Due to the Covid-19 pandemic this has been an extended activity due to delays in opening a new bank account. During the financial year 2020/2021, the charity has continued to operate as the unincorporated charity. There has therefore been no operational or financial activity from this CIO during 2020/21. This report is a nil return.

During 2021/22, it is intended that all assets will be transferred to this CIO and the old, unincorporated charity formally closed.

Keith Hall

Trustee

01 October 2021