

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1187442

Report of the Trustees and

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**

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

## **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.

## **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.

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**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 two new trustees were appointed and one trustee resigned.

**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, a Safeguarding Policy and that all coaches hold Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) 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. All other volunteers either hold Enhanced DBS certificates or are in the process of applying for certificates.

09 January 2023

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

  
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H T Matthewson - Chairman / Trustee

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## Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

### Annex A

Wellington and Dummer Riding for the Disabled Incorporating Carriage Driving				
Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31.03.2022				
<b>Bank Reconciliation</b>				
		<b>2020/21</b>		<b>2021/22</b>
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
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22818.87</b>		<b>21732.95</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
		0.00		0.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22818.87</b>		<b>21732.95</b>
	<b>NET BALANCE</b>	<b>22818.87</b>		<b>21732.95</b>
<b>Receipts</b>				
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
		<b>17086.91</b>		<b>23633.56</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
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
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12806.11</b>		<b>24719.48</b>
<b>SUMMARY 2021/22</b>				
Opening balance	22818.87	Payments	24719.48	
Receipts	23633.56	Closing balance	21732.95	
	<b>46452.43</b>		<b>46452.43</b>	

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Annex B

Statement of Assets 31/03/2022

	Purchase Price	Year Purchased	Value 31/03/2022
<b><u>Horses</u></b>			
Domino	£3500	2012	£2500
Tara	£3000	2013	not saleable
Alfie	£3750	2015	£3000
Chloe	£1450	2015	not saleable
Dude	£2800	2016	£2000
Taffy	Free	2019	not saleable
<b><u>Other</u></b>			
Tack	£800	2019-21	£550
Tack	£3000	2013-16	£2100
Hydraulic Lift	£12600	2013	£8000
Tractor	£6500	2015	not saleable
Toilet	£5521	2021	£5000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£23150</b>