

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1187442

Report of the Trustees and

Financial Statement

For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

for

WELLINGTON AND DUMMER RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION
INCORPORATING CARRIAGE DRIVING

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Wellington and Dummer Riding For The Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Reference and Administrative Details

For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

TRUSTEES	Mr H T Matthewson	Chairman
	Mrs C L Beswick	Vice Chair
	Mrs P A Willats	
	Mrs J P Matson	Treasurer
	Ms S J Weston	
	Mr K Hall	
	Mrs S Beckell	Trustee (until 01/10/2022)
REGISTERED ADDRESS	Paddock Lodge Farleigh Lane Dummer Basingstoke RG25 2AF	
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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1187442	
CHARITY STATUS	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 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.

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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.

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

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 (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.

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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

The Income and Expenditure for the Period is attached at Annex A to this report. There has been a cash surplus of £1609.53 and an asset deficit of £5050.00. The reduction in asset values has been caused by two ponies now being assessed as unsaleable (due to age, physical condition and/or temperament) and depreciation of other group assets.

The Statement of Assets (31/3/2023) 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, 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

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 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 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 29 August 2023 and signed on their behalf

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C L Beswick - Chair / Trustee

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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