

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

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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 2024

Reference and Administrative Details

For the Year Ended 31 March 2024

TRUSTEES	Mrs C L Beswick	Chair (from 15/05/23)
	Mrs P A Willats	
	Mrs J P Matson	Treasurer
	Miss S J Weston	Secretary
	Mr K Hall	
	Mr H T Matthewson	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)	

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 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.

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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.

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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.

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.

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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.

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 on14/12/24..... 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 31.03.2024					
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

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Annex B

Statement of Assets 31/03/2024

	Purchase Price	Year Purchased	Value 31/03/2024
<u>Horses</u>			
Tara	£3000	2013	not saleable
Alfie	£3750	2015	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	£7000
Toilet	£2271	2021	£1500
Field shelter	£2450	2019	£200
Arena equipment	£1000	2017-2022	£200
Energisers	£750	2017-2019	£300
TOTAL			£10700