

Cambridge College Riding for the Disabled Association

Reg charity no : 1187740

Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2024

Structure and objects of the charity

On 1st April 2021 the charity took over the activities of Cambridge College Riding for the Disabled Association (reg no 1074429) having registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 4th February 2020. The group promotes the objects of the national body Riding for the Disabled including Carriage Driving charity (reg no 244108) and has been active since 1998 providing riding for the disabled and people with special needs at the College of West Anglia, Milton, Cambridgeshire.

Trustees

The charity's activities are overseen by a board of Trustees consisting of :

Gillian Newsum – Chair and coach

Joe Ward – Treasurer

Gay Redman - President

Kathryn McGennity - Coach

Dr Sarah Williams – Secretary, safeguarding officer and volunteer co-ordinator

Giuseppe Cassettari - Fundraising

Anne Harley – Fundraising

Pippa Corney – Vice Chairman

Tomoko Sembongi – Coach and horse welfare

Tomoko Sembongi retired on 16th April after the year end to return to Japan

The Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees and approved by the members at the AGM. The intention is to ensure there is sufficient expertise amongst the Trustees to ensure all activities of the group are properly overseen and carried out (rider and horse welfare, management of volunteers, finance, and governance), along with compliance with RDA UK's requirements regarding insurance, training, health and safety and risk management.

Activities in year

The group provides lessons once a week for about sixteen disabled young adult riders during the College term times. During the year the group took on two new riders. There are nine on a waiting list. These lessons improve their confidence, health, mobility and social skills. During the year twelve of the riders took part in the RDA East Region Qualifier competitions and seven of these qualified for the RDA National Championships.

A new pony was acquired during the year (subsequently sold and replaced) and another retired at the end of the Summer term 2024. The group will be looking for a new replacement for a horse that is due to retire.

Financial Review

Financial activities in the year to 31st March 2024 were :

Income	£ 14,081
Expenditure	(16,498)

Decrease in reserves	£ (2,417)

Reserves b/f	£ 94,988

Reserves c/f	£ 92,571

Financed by :

Bank accounts	£ 7,637
Investments at cost	84,934

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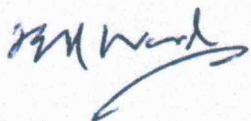
On the 2nd May 2023 the group invested a further £15,000 of Charifund units and the market value of the group's investments was £ 101,267 at 31st March 2024 (2023 - £84,733).

Reserves policy

The group aims to cover its day to day costs from the income earned from its investments, donations from its riders, Gift Aid reclaimed, and the 200 Club. From 2023/24 the group decided to stop paying annual insurance for vets' fees for the horses and instead to set up an Insurance Reserve to cover unexpected vets' costs. At 31st March 2024 this stood at £10,000. It also seeks other donations to cover any unforeseen costs but more particularly to build up reserves to cover the costs of replacing or introducing new ponies. At 31st March 2024 this reserve stood at £ 8,378.

Report approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by :

Signature :



Name : Joe Ward

Position : Treasurer

Date : 3/10/24



Pippa Corney

Chair

6.10.24.