

ROSSWAY GROUP RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION INCORPORATING CARRIAGE DRIVING

England & Wales · Charity number 1188574

Details

Other names	ROSSWAY GROUP RIDING FOR THE DISABLED (ROSSWAY GROUP RDA), ROSSWAY GROUP RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION, ROSSWAY RDA
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2020-03-16
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

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

Activities: Rossway RDA was incorporated to promote the objects of The Riding for The Disabled Association incorporating Carriage Driving, a national charity registered under charity number 244108, by providing disabled people with the opportunity to ride and or carriage drive to benefit their health and well being in the vicinities of Buckinghamshre and Hertfordshire.

Classification

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

Geography

- Buckinghamshire
- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£19,866	£17,603	-	-
2024-03-31	£14,470	£23,432	-	-
2023-03-31	£20,114	£6,748	-	-
2022-03-31	£6,434	£13,548	-	-
2021-03-31	£1,992	£2,378	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Vivienne Bryan	Chair	2022-11-28
CHRISTOPHER DAVID WILTON		2022-11-28
Clare French		2024-12-03
Heather James		2020-03-16
Irene Caroline Purse		2020-03-16
Patricia Allison		2025-02-16
Prof Hazel Rymer		2021-09-06

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THE ROSSWAY GROUP

Riding for the Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving
(Registered under charity number 1188574 “the Group”)

Trustees’ Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Administrative details

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual report of Rossway Group Riding for the Disabled Association incorporating Carriage Driving (“Rossway RDA”, “the Group”), charity number 1188574 registered at Shardeloes Farm Equestrian Centre, Cherry Lane, Amersham, Bucks, HP7 0QF.

The Trustees who served throughout the year to 31 March 2025 were:

Irene Purse
Vivienne Bryan
Heather James
Hazel Rymer
Christopher Wilton
Clare French (appointed December 2025)
Richard Allison (until August 2024)
Caren Graffham (December 2024 - February 2025)
Pat Allison (appointed February 2025)

Richard Allison and Caren Graffham sadly passed away during the year. Heather James took on the role of Treasurer. Pat Allison was co-opted to Trustees and took on the role of Secretary.

One third of the Trustees are required to stand down at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). On 11 September 2025, Irene Purse and Chris Wilson will stand down by rotation and seek re-election. Pat Allison will stand down at the AGM and seek re-election.

New trustees are recruited with consideration taken of any specialist skills they may bring to this important governance role. They are invited to stand as a Trustee, will have the role and responsibilities explained to them and will be nominated and seconded at the AGM. Luke Poore will seek election at the AGM to provide veterinary experience to the Trustees.

2. Structure, governance and management

Rossway RDA is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation incorporated under its Constitution dated 16 March 2020.

3. Objectives and activities

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In accordance with the guidelines as per above, Rossway RDA's aim is to give children and adults who have physical or cognitive difficulties the opportunity to learn to ride in a fun, safe and relaxed way. The Group upholds the strict guidelines as laid down in the Constitution and the Trustees are satisfied that the Group provides a useful public benefit and operates in accordance with the objectives.

4. Achievements and performance

This year we have continued to run sessions on Thursday afternoons at Shardeloes Farm Equestrian Centre. We are grateful for the use of the indoor school facilities and hacking areas for our sessions. The staff look after our ponies brilliantly and pony welfare is always their first concern. We are also grateful to Wendover Park Equine who know all our ponies well and provide considerable amounts of advice and support.

In 5 separate lessons, we support approx. 12 children and 11 adults of mixed abilities. A special needs school attend regularly and teenage children ride for a term or half term each. This provides an opportunity for skills and confidence development and in some cases the children can attend for more than one term. For riding to be as accessible as possible, we keep our riding fees as low as possible.

Our other riders are mainly adults with a variety of needs. Each is assessed regularly, and an individual plan is made for progression and development. Classes have worked on dressage skills and independent riding. Some riders participated in the RDA Regionals at BCA this year with 2 of our ponies.

We currently have 5 of our own ponies and access to 4 others on a regular basis through the generosity of their owners who keep them at livery at Shardeloes. The age of some of our ponies means that it's increasingly likely that there will be periods of time when they are unable to work and we are developing a succession plan for the older ones.

The Trustees have agreed that we need to secure more horses to accommodate our larger riders. The aim is to do this through the purchase of a young horse and the loan of an older one. The purchase will be made possible through fundraising. We are extremely grateful for the ongoing efforts of the fundraising committee who have secured the funds for pony purchase and non-routine vet bills. We are also extremely grateful to recent donations through legacy planning.

Currently there are 6 qualified coaches, 3 coaches-in-training and approx. 15 volunteers who regularly attend. There is a steady number of active volunteers and while some can

help every week for many years, many are not able to make a long-term commitment. This means that we always have a need for new volunteers.

Rossway RDA is entirely dependent on volunteers and so special thanks go to everyone who helps in any way with the ponies or the riders or behind the scenes.

Our social media profile on our www.rosswayrda.org.uk website and Rossway RDA Group pages on Facebook bring in enquiries from potential riders and volunteers. New enquiries come through these channels and through word-of-mouth contacts. We have a waiting list of riders of all ages. We continue to have a challenge to match increasing numbers of rider applicants with suitable ponies and having enough volunteers in place to support them.

5. Financial review

Current account balance at 31 March 2025: £20,278 (31 March 2024: £1,912)

Savings account balance at 31 March 2025: £18,015 (31 March 2024: £16,103)

The Trustees' reserves policy is to retain sufficient funds to meet significant vet fees and to purchase new horses as the current ones are retired. To support this policy, the Fundraising Committee have an annual target of £6,000 and successfully raised funds to allow the Group to purchase another pony in the year ended 31 March 2025. This pony has been found to be unsuitable for livery at Shardeloes and so the Group is actively looking to find a new home for him. Along with the Fundraising Committee target, increased rider income will enable the Group to continue to meet its objectives, and the Group are actively looking for additional suitable horses through purchase and loan.

To be Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Hazel Rymer and Vivien Bryan

11th September 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Rossway Group Riding for the Disabled Association Inc 1188574

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01-Apr-24	To	31-Mar-25
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	7,701	-	-	7,701	4,072
Ride money	7,868	-	-	7,868	9,541
Bank interest	797	-	-	797	857
Sale of horse	3,500	-	-	3,500	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	19,866	-	-	19,866	14,470
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	19,866	-	-	19,866	14,470
A3 Payments					
Hire of facilities	5,665	-	-	5,665	5,159
Tack	355	-	-	355	2,254
Vet fees	6,068	-	-	6,068	3,135
RDA insurance	477	-	-	477	460
Pony insurance	1,543	-	-	1,543	1,666
New horse/insurance claim	2,885	-	-	2,885	7,500
Website	-	-	-	-	2,730
Sundries	610	-	-	610	528
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	17,603	-	-	17,603	23,432
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	17,603	-	-	17,603	23,432
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,263	-	-	2,263	- 8,962
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	18,015	-	-	18,015	18,015
Cash funds this year end	20,278	-	-	20,278	

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	3,377	-	-
	Deposit account	16,901	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	20,278	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Heather James	Heather James	11/09/2025	

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Richard Allison
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Heather James
Malcolm Elderfield
Hazel Rymer
Christopher Wilton

Richard Allison passed away in July 2024 and Caren Graffham was invited to join the Trustees. Caren Graffham will retire at the AGM and seek re-election. Two Trustees are required to stand down by rotation at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 3 December 2024. Heather James and Malcolm Elderfield will stand down at the AGM. Heather James will seek re-election. Clare French will seek election at the AGM.

New trustees are recruited from our group of volunteers and adult riders with consideration taken of any specialist skills they may bring to this important governance role. They are invited to stand as a Trustee and will have the role and responsibilities explained to them and will be nominated and seconded at the next AGM, including any Trustees who were appointed by the Trustees during the year.

2. Structure, governance and management

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3. Objectives and activities

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In 5 separate lessons, we support approximately 12 children and 11 adults of mixed abilities. A special needs school attend regularly and teenage children ride for a term or half term each. This provides an opportunity for skills and confidence development and in some cases the children can attend for more than one term. For riding to be as accessible as possible, we keep our riding fees as low as possible.

Our other riders are mainly adults with a variety of needs. Each is assessed regularly, and an individual plan is made for progression and development. Classes have worked on dressage skills and independent riding. Some riders participated in the RDA Regionals at Berkshire College of Agriculture this year with 2 of our ponies.

We have 6 of our own ponies (a mixture of owned and loaned) and access to 2 others on a regular basis. The age of our ponies means that its increasingly likely that there will be periods of time when some are unable to work and we also need a succession plan for the older ones.

Due to the retirement of one of our horses and the age of the other ponies, the Trustees have agreed that we need to secure 2 more horses to accommodate our larger riders. The aim is to do this through the purchase of a young horse and the loan of an older one. The purchase will be made possible through fundraising. We are extremely grateful for the ongoing efforts of the fundraising committee who have secured the funds for pony purchase, vet bills and website development.

Currently there are 6 qualified coaches, 2 coach-in-training and approximately 15 volunteers who regularly attend. There is a steady number of active volunteers and while some are able to help every week for many years, many are not able to make a long-term commitment. This means that we always have a need for new volunteers.

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Our visibility has improved this year through the update of the www.rosswayrda.org website and increased use of Facebook pages. New enquiries come through these channels and through word-of-mouth contacts. We have a waiting list of riders of all ages. We continue to have a challenge to match increasing numbers of rider applicants with suitable ponies and having enough volunteers in place to support them.

5. Financial review

Current account balance at 31 March 2024: £1,912 (31 March 2023: £4,731)

Savings account balance at 31 March 2024: £ 16,103 (31 March 2023: £22,247)

The Trustees' reserves policy is to retain sufficient funds to meet significant vet fees and to purchase new horses as the current ones are retired. To support this policy, the Fundraising Committee have an annual target of £6,000 and have successfully raised funds to allow the Group to meet the Trustees' objective to purchase another horse. Along with the Fundraising Committee target, increased rider income will enable the Group to continue to meet its objectives.

To be Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Hazel Rymer and Vivienne Bryan

26th January 2025

**The Rossway Group Riding for the Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving
Charity number 1188574**

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
INCOME		
Donations	4,072	11,726
Ride money	7,588	8,125
Sharer	1,953	0
Bank interest	857	263
TOTAL INCOME	14,470	20,114
EXPENDITURE		
Hire and keep	5,159	4,359
Tack	2,254	50
Vet fees	3,135	1,080
Pony insurance	1,666	384
RDA insurance	460	460
New horse	7,500	0
Website	2,730	0
Sundries	528	415
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	23,432	6,748
INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	(8,962)	13,366

Bank balances at 31 March 2023 - £4,731 and £22,247

Bank balances at 31 March 2024 - £1,912 and £16,103

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Malcolm Elderfield
Hazel Rymer
Christopher Wilton (appointed 28 November 2022)
Caroline Hunt (resigned 28 November 2022)
Sarah Embleton-Smith (resigned 28 November 2022)

Hazel Rymer and Vivienne Bryan will retire by rotation at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 28 November 2023 and will seek re-election. Trustees are recruited from our group of volunteers with consideration taken of any specialist skills they may bring to this important governance role. They are invited to stand as a Trustee, will have the role and responsibilities explained to them and will be nominated and seconded at the AGM.

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4. Achievements and performance

To support our riders, the Group has a team of around 20 regular volunteers who include six qualified coaches and two coaches in training. Volunteers and coaches receive training at least annually, and coaches complete annual Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and are re-assessed every three years. All coaches and, where appropriate, volunteers keep up to date with required training including safeguarding, first aid and are DBS checked. Rossway RDA currently has 17 individual riders plus a group of five riders from a local secondary school that caters for children with severe and multiple learning difficulties riding each week. Other groups attend special sessions where more support can be given than in the weekly class lessons. Groups supported by a local charity for vulnerable and marginalised adults enjoy stable management type sessions and we have held sessions for non-riders where gymkhana games, leading the ponies from a wheelchair, provide much needed therapy and pleasure.

To accommodate the growing waiting list of riders, it was decided to increase the number of available ponies through purchase and where possible loan agreements. The Fundraising Committee have secured significant grants and donations for the purchase of and for the ongoing vet costs of the existing and new ponies.

There have been some changes to our horses over the past year. Hector was purchased in 2022 and was a great asset for some of our riders. However, in May 2023, we exchanged him for Pippin, a larger seven-year-old bay cob mare and this has been a huge success, bringing additional income from her sharer and offering more flexibility for our riders. Pippin is suitable for slightly larger riders than Hector but is small enough for children too. In August 2023 we acquired Darcy, a seven-year-old black cob mare who is also sturdy enough for our larger riders. We will be taking a smaller pony on loan, Katy May, in the autumn. These new ponies will provide the flexibility to offer more riders the opportunity to learn and gradually they will take over the duties of the older ponies once they retire. Our oldest, Coco, shows no signs of needing to do that just yet however. We now have a good range of ponies to accommodate both children and adults. Our horses are Diesel, Darcy & Pippin for the larger

riders and Molly, Coco, Hetty & Katy May are the ponies for our smaller riders. The last four of these are the oldest of our herd. We are also fortunate to have access to two other horses, Bazz and Bella when needed.

Acquiring more horses means we can look to reduce our waiting list and we will be moving towards six riders per lesson where it is appropriate. This is where we are fortunate to have good coaching numbers as we can allocate two per lesson. RDA nationally is extremely popular and referrals from GPs and physiotherapists are becoming more common. Waiting lists can be very long, which is discouraging for those in need. Rossway RDA aims to help as many children and adults as possible through riding and stable management sessions.

To acknowledge donors publicly and so that new volunteers and riders can find out more about Rossway RDA and apply online, we have developed a new website. A pre-release version will be available to view after the AGM.

5. Financial review

Current account balance at 31 March 2023: £4,731 (31 March 2022: £1,527)

Savings account balance at 31 March 2023: £ 22,247 (31 March 2022: £12,085)

The Trustees' reserves policy is to retain sufficient funds to meet significant vet fees and to purchase new horses as the current ones are retired. To support this policy, the Fundraising Committee have raised funds which have reversed the losses made in recent years and enabled the Group to purchase another pony in 2023. The target for the Fundraising Committee is to raise £6,000-£8,000 per annum which, with increased rider income, will enable the Group to continue to meet its objectives.

To be signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Hazel Rymer and Vivienne Bryan

28th January 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Rossway Group Riding for the Disabled Association Inc 1188574

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	1-Apr-22	To	31-Mar-23
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	11,726	-	-	11,726	2,123
Ride money	8,125	-	-	8,125	4,304
Bank interest	263	-	-	263	7
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	20,114	-	-	20,114	6,434
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	20,114	-	-	20,114	6,434
A3 Payments					
Hire of facilities	4,359	-	-	4,359	3,632
Tack	50	-	-	50	43
Vet fees	1,080	-	-	1,080	4,148
RDA insurance	460	-	-	460	366
Pony insurance	384	-	-	384	288
New horse	-	-	-	-	5,000
Sundries	415	-	-	415	71
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	6,748	-	-	6,748	13,548
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	6,748	-	-	6,748	13,548
Net of receipts/(payments)	13,366	-	-	13,366	- 7,114
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	13,612	-	-	13,612	13,612
Cash funds this year end	26,978	-	-	26,978	6,498

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	4,731	-	-
	Deposit account	22,247	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	26,978	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities				
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Richard Allison	Richard Allison	1/2/2024	

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Sarah Embleton-Smith
Heather James
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Hazel Rymer

Caroline Hunt and Sarah Embleton-Smith resigned as Trustees at the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") on 28 November 2022 and Christopher Wilton was appointed as a Trustee at the AGM on 28 November 2022.

New trustees are recruited from our group of volunteers with consideration taken of any specialist skills they may bring to this important governance role. They are invited to stand as a Trustee, will have the role and responsibilities explained to them and will be nominated and seconded at the AGM or by a vote of Trustees.

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4. Achievements and performance

April 2021 saw the Group move to a more positive position as the Covid regulations decreased and we were gradually able to expand our rider numbers. Back then, we still required each rider to come with a family member as a helper as RDA side walkers were still unable to assist. A year later, our rider numbers are up to capacity and our volunteer numbers are steady. In April 2021 we had just 8 riders coming regularly from a potential of 18, and the lack of riding funds caused a substantial dent in our finances. We augmented our rider numbers gradually starting in April 2021 with a new rider who had to come with her 'bubble helper' in those earlier days. Then over the next term we added 2 more riders with another 2 the following term and then, later on in the year, another 3 new riders and then in 2022 by another new rider. All the new riders have to commit to 2 individual lessons to start with, which they pay for at a premium rate, which has helped our finances, but more especially, has given the riders a bit of a kick start into the riding procedures. It was with particular glee that we welcomed back our regular school students in April 2022 and the participants have all gone from strength to strength resulting in gaining their RDA Stage I and II Riding and Stable Management certificates at the end of the summer term 2022.

But as with all sports, we've gained some riders, but lost some too. We were ever so sad to say goodbye to one of our longstanding riders in December 2021. He was a casualty of the covid years and his confidence dipped to the point that it wasn't benefiting him any longer. He did come back, however, and do some grooming and took Coco for a walk along with a volunteer, in the summer. Two other riders have had to retire from riding for health reasons with another 2 taking a health break for a few months. It is the nature of what we do and we try to stay as adaptable as possible for our riders.

We had fun taking a group of our younger riders to Berkshire College of Agriculture on a boiling hot Sunday afternoon, ably assisted by a fair few other helpers and family members. This was to compete in the Regional Qualifiers for the RDA National Championships and all who entered did extremely well bringing back fistfuls of rosettes and sporting wide grins. It's hard work organising this type of event, and I know the participants and their families are grateful for the commitment from us.

At the same time as organising the BCA outing, we were also running a new initiative for a group of riders from High Wycombe who invaded our Mondays for a few weeks bringing much laughter to us all and challenging our ability to think on our feet! But whilst challenging it was also rewarding and we were thankful for all the support of our current and former volunteers.

What news of our horses and ponies? Having had a rotten 2021 health wise, and causing our finances to take a further battering, they are in better form than they have been for a long time. Our purchase of young Hector back in February ended our year long search and he is learning the ropes with the professional expertise of the Shardeloes staff. At the end of last year we had to say goodbye to Nory who was returned to her delighted owners but then took delivery of the sweet natured Hetty, who is also on loan to us and Shardeloes. These days Diesel is positively cheerful most of the time and we're rather hoping he'll have a word in Hector's ear about looking happier. They get 5 star treatment at Shardeloes and the team are brilliant.

Over the years, Rossway has had a few encounters with the Royal Family and in the last Newsletter we chronicled the report of how The Queen received the Group at Windsor back in 1993. It's a lovely story.

We have much to be thankful for and we are fortunate in many respects. In particular, the continued good care from Shardeloes of our equines, the wonderful support of our volunteers, many of whom have been with us for years and stuck loyally with us through those tricky times, and the horses and ponies themselves without whom we would not exist. In Buckinghamshire, we are one of the RDA groups that has managed to expand its rider capacity since those troublesome lockdowns, which means that we totalled 18 riders per week on average to end March 2022. We are up to capacity but still have a folder of hopeful riders on our waiting list. We are thankful that we are able to help those we have space for and look forward to welcoming new participants as and when we can find space.

Praise, as always, to a fabulous set of Trustees, Coaches and Committee members who help smooth the way through the ever increasing mountain of necessary paperwork and policy procedures. We make a wonderful team and thank every one of them for their commitment and energy.

5. Financial review

Current account balance at 31 March 2022: £1,527 (31 March 2021: £2,648)

Savings account balance at 31 March 2022: £12,085 (31 March 2021: £18,078)

Rossway has a very conservative reserves policy, which is to keep two years' running costs on deposit (approximately £10,000 per annum). The purchase of a new pony increased expenditure in the year to 31 March 2022. Since the year end the newly formed Fundraising Committee has raised funds which will reverse the losses made in the previous two years and will enable the Group to purchase another pony.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Irene Purse

15 January 2023



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1-Apr-21	To	31-Mar-22
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	2,123	-	-	2,123	692
Ride money	4,304	-	-	4,304	1,280
Bank interest	7	-	-	7	20
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	6,434	-	-	6,434	1,992
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,434	-	-	6,434	1,992
A3 Payments					
Hire of facilities	3,632	-	-	3,632	148
Tack	43	-	-	43	263
Vet fees	4,148	-	-	4,148	1,402
RDA insurance	366	-	-	366	450
Pony insurance	288	-	-	288	-
New horse	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
Sundries	71	-	-	71	115
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	13,548	-	-	13,548	2,378
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	13,548	-	-	13,548	2,378
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 7,114	-	-	- 7,114	- 386
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	20,726	-	-	20,726	-
Cash funds this year end	13,612	-	-	13,612	- 386

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
B1 Cash funds		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
	Current account	1,527	-	-
	Deposit account	12,085	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	13,612	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		-	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	

		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Richard Allison	Richard Allison	11/28/2022

Accounts



THE ROSSWAY GROUP

Riding for the Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving
Registered under charity number 1188574

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2021

1. Administrative details

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual report of Rossway Group Riding for the Disabled Association incorporating Carriage Driving ("Rossway RDA"), charity number 1188574 registered at Shardeloes Farm Equestrian Centre, Cherry Lane, Amersham, Bucks, HP7 0QF.

The Trustees who served throughout the year to 31 March 2021 were:

Irene Purse
Richard Allison
Vivienne Bryan
Caroline Hunt
Sarah Embleton-Smith
Heather James
Anne Nobbs
Malcolm Elderfield

Anne Nobbs resigned as a Trustee on 6 September 2021 and Hazel Rymer was appointed as a Trustee on 6 September 2021.

2. Structure, governance and management

Rossway RDA is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation incorporated under its Constitution dated 16 March 2020.

3. Objectives and activities

Rossway RDA was incorporated to promote the objects of The Riding for The Disabled Association incorporating Carriage Driving, a national charity registered under charity number 244108, by providing disabled people with the opportunity to ride and or carriage drive to benefit their health and well being in the vicinities of Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire.

In accordance with the guidelines as per above, Rossway RDA's aim is to give children and adults who have physical or cognitive difficulties the opportunity to learn to ride in a fun, safe and relaxed way. We uphold the strict guidelines as laid down in the Constitution and I can confirm that the Trustees are satisfied that we provide a useful public benefit and are operating in accordance with the objectives.

4. Achievements and performance

2020 was a challenging year for Rossway due to the Covid pandemic and subsequent lockdowns and re-starts. We attempted to keep everyone on board by creating our Newsletters. We started out in April 2020 with edition 1 and am now up to edition 17 which is a measure of how long the situation was uncertain. Last June 2020, we saw and took advantage of a new pattern of riding under tight controls laid down by the government and RDA UK, and with the grateful assistance from the riding school, Shardeloes, we managed to re-introduce riding to 6 riders during the summer term, and this was replicated during the autumn term. A further lockdown at the start of 2021 meant further delays to our plans to return to riding, but from April – July we have achieved a full term's riding which has given all coaches and volunteers some hope and enthusiasm.

In past years we have relied on our willing team of fund raisers to ensure the financial viability of the Group and to augment the fees from our riders. These days, rattling buckets outside Marks and Spencer isn't going to fill the coffers as everything seems to cost so much more; vets fees gobble up a high portion of our funds, along with the dentist and other associated equine services. Added to that are the costs connected with running the group: the insurances, the training workshops, DBS checks and the like. So we have needed to put up our riding fees from September 2021 to bring us more in line with other RDA groups. This past year our main source of additional funding has been through the sale of the brilliant masks made by a friend of Viv's. We are indeed very grateful for Jenny's creativity and productivity.

But to return to riding: since April 2021 in addition to our faithful core of riders, we have assessed and taken on 4 new riders – 2 adults and 2 children. All are making good and steady progress and they are all immeasurably grateful for our perseverance in the face of so many difficulties. Assessments have been made on 2 further adults who will be incorporated into our rides from September 2021. There are several children who are waiting for assessments; however, for them the principle factor is their availability on a Thursday afternoon as they need to rely on schools' discretion to let them out before the end of the school day.

Rossway was the first RDA Group to have a visiting County Coach over to assess our newest Coach, Hazel in June 2021. High praise was levelled at her abilities and we are delighted to welcome her to our team of instructors. In addition to having Hazel on our team, We are also grateful for the professional input of our helper/physiotherapist Hannah, who has been a wonderful support and advisor in all assessments of new riders. Pat has made a wonderful job of managing the rota of helpers and we are hoping that someone might step forward to help out with a few more administrative chores.

The ponies are fit and well, and whilst they are all getting on in years they remain fit and healthy thanks to the good care and management of Shardeloes. Molly needed some time off work due to having a tooth extracted; Diesel is back to his old self and seems very much happier in his role as chief RDA pony; Coco has had some time off due to low-level lameness

and plans are in place to look for a replacement which may take some time as she is a hard act to follow and many miles are travelled to source the perfect pony replacement. Shardeloes only use her very occasionally now, so it is all eyes on the pony advertisements....so often the ads are promising, when the real thing is not!

To sum up: our team of volunteers are brilliant. The committee is wonderful and we have stayed safe yet motivated this last year. Our riders benefit from our fun yet professional approach and we remain grateful to Shardeloes for their continued good care of our ponies.

5. Financial review

The current account balance as at 31 March 2021 is £2,648

Savings account balance as at 31 March 2021 is £18,078

Rossway has a very conservative reserves policy, which is to keep two years' running costs on deposit (approx. £10,000 per annum). However, this year has been unprecedented and so we will set aside £7,000 for buying a new pony. Some funding (from CALA Homes) has been earmarked for this provision, however, more is needed and plans are underway to apply for additional grants through various charitable funding sources.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Irene Purse

6 September 2021



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	16-Mar-20	To	31-Mar-21
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	692	-	-	692	-
Ride money	1,280	-	-	1,280	-
Bank interest	20	-	-	20	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,992	-	-	1,992	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,992	-	-	1,992	-
A3 Payments					
Hire of facilities	148	-	-	148	-
Tack	263	-	-	263	-
Vet fees	1,402	-	-	1,402	-
RDA insurance	450	-	-	450	-
Sundries	115	-	-	115	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,378	-	-	2,378	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,378	-	-	2,378	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 386	-	-	- 386	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 386	-	-	- 386	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	2,648	-	-
	Deposit account	18,078	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	20,726	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets				
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	-	-	-
	-	-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

B5 Liabilities

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Richard Allison	Richard Allison	16/09/2021