



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				
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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	-	-	-

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)
		-	
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		-	
		-	
		-	

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