



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

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. 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	