

HAPPY HOOVES RDA RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION INCORPORATING CARRIAGE DRIVING

England & Wales · Charity number 1189349

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-05-04

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS FOR WHICH THE CIO IS ESTABLISHED ARE 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 CUMBRIA AREA.

Activities: HHRDA group aim to make horses & horse riding an activity available for all, giving everyone the opportunity to experience the magic of horses. HHRDA recognises that not all disabilities are visible, through partnership with HHRC we aim to provide a variety of ridden & non-ridden equine experiences targeting: health & wellbeing, education, developing confidence & building life skills.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£2,250	£1,567	-	-
2024-03-31	£0	£0	-	-
2023-03-31	£363	£4,339	-	-
2022-03-31	£6,532	£5,415	-	-
2021-03-31	£8,546	£3,034	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alison Machell		2019-12-07
Amelia Sisson		2024-11-01
Emily Atherton		2024-02-02
Iris Atherton		2024-06-30
Joanne Allinson		2024-02-13
SARAH DADLEY		2019-12-07
Toni Holland		2019-12-07

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date: 01 04 24 To Period end date: 31 03 25

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Happy Hooves Riding for the Disabled Group

Other names charity is known by HHRDA Group

Registered charity number (if any) 1189349 (wef 04.05.20)

Charity's principal address
 The Classroom, Happy Hooves Riding Centre,
 Ivy House, Skelton Wood End, Penrith, Cumbria
Postcode CA11 9UB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rebecca Kemp	HHRDA Group Interim Chairperson	Joined Nov 2024	
2	Toni Holland	HHRDA Group Trustee		
3	Amelia Sisson	HHRDA Group Treasurer	Joined Nov 2024	
4	Alison Machell	HHRDA Group Secretary		
5	Sarah Dadley	HHRDA Group Trustee		
6	Emily Atherton	HHRDA Group Trustee		
7	Jo Allinson	HHRDA Group Trustee		
8	Iris Atherton	HHRDA Group Trustee	Joined June 2024	

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	N/A

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

N/A

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(eg. trust deed, constitution)

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Trustees are elected and voted in by HHRDA Group Trustees.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
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- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

All policies and procedures are subject to a two-yearly review, to ensure they are complete and pertinent to HHRDA Group. All are based on RDA guidance, and use RDA templates, as applicable. Occasionally the policies are shared (for audit purposes) with professional bodies (such as the British Horse Society (BHS)), and any feedback is gratefully received.

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Apart from the SLA with HHRC, HHRDA Group closely follows RDA guidance, making full use of the MyRDA website.

A number of Risk Assessments are in place to cover operations relating to HHRDA Group. These are under constant review as sessions evolve or the venue changes. A Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery (BCDR) Plan also exists. The Trustees believe that risk mitigation and management is key, including lessons-learned exercises where applicable. Documentation is reviewed and revised two-yearly, or when an event occurs.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objectives of the HHRDA Group remain as follows:

HHRDA Group understands that not all disabilities are visible, and plans to make horses and horse-riding an activity available for all, giving everyone the opportunity to experience the magic of horses, to help address mental health issues, and physical and intellectual disabilities brought about by a variety of factors.

The aim is to provide a variety of equine experiences to adults, young people, groups and individuals. HHRDA Group will offer a diverse range of ridden and non-ridden activities for pleasure, health and wellbeing, developing confidence, and educational life skills, using recognised equine disciplines, and associated activities.

HHRDA Group operates in partnership with HHRC, which is recognised as an alternative education provider for young people who are not in employment or training, through the BHS Approved Changing Lives through Horses (CLtH) programme.

HHRDA Group works with the community and other partners to broaden the accessibility of HHRDA Group to more people, and ensure that everyone involved benefits from the magic of horses.

Through fund-raising (events, grants and activities) HHRDA Group plans a targeted, phased improvement of facilities to create a more accessible and modern facility for a wider range of clients. Therefore, initial funding applications will be targeted towards specific tack, hats and amenities, as suggested by RDA guidance.

Additionally, HHRDA Group wishes to offer those most in need, the opportunity to access these facilities at discounted rates.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

At all times, funding is carefully monitored and managed – as explained in Section E.

The HHRDA Group Trustees are fully conversant with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and can confirm that:

- The 'benefit' aspect will be realised in the way HHRDA Group can help those suffering mental health issues, anxiety, confidence issues etc., by giving access to horses, horse riding and associated activities.
- The 'public' aspect will be realised when the section of the public (as detailed above) will benefit from HHRDA Groups' provision of horse related activities, to alleviate adverse symptoms and create an environment for mental health improvements for all those who attend HHRDA Group sessions.

The HHRDA Group Trustees and those connected to HHRC (which provides the assets for the HHRDA Group to operate), are all committed to facilitating sessions to bring about potentially life-changing outcomes for deserving individuals, whilst at the same time, adhering to the guidance provided by the Charity Commission.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The management of the funds has been consistent, with regular review by the Trustees.

Any income or investment realised, is re-invested into HHRDA Group, to facilitate growth and development in accordance with the objectives above, to better benefit the HHRDA Group clients. However, as funds increase, it is intended to support individuals, or a group, with specific needs, where possible.

HHRDA Group is reliant on a core team of HHRC staff and a group of volunteers who are trained in accordance with RDA guidelines as coaches or volunteers, obtaining the official 'Green Card'.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

As previously reported, HHRC finally relocated to new premises on 1st September 2023. The premises required much work and investment, and are still a work-in-progress in some areas. HHRDA has continued to operate in a small way throughout.

In May 2024, representatives from the regional RDA visited HHRDA and declared themselves to be content with progress to date. They inspected the documentation and assessed a coaching session, and left feeling happy that HHRDA could continue.

The Trustee Group underwent some personnel changes during the year. Iris Atherton joined as a Trustee in June 2024. Iris is also a HHRC member of staff. Sue Butler resigned as Treasurer, and after a short interim period of Sarah Dadley, Trustee, holding the role, Ameila Sisson joined as a new Trustee and formally became Treasurer in November 2024. Finally, on 1st November 2024, Vicky Bowman resigned from the Chairperson role. Rebecca Kemp, Cumbria RDA Chair, has taken on the Chairperson role on an interim basis, until a new Chairperson can be found.

(PNM: A new Chairperson has been elected, but this occurred in May 2025 – outside of this reporting period)

Since November 2024, there has been an enhanced focus on fundraising activities, as HHRDA Trustees understand that more funds are required to be able to support deserving individuals or groups. Many good ideas for fundraising events have been discussed and it is very likely that HHRDA will collaborate with a neighbouring RDA Group for at least one of the events to be held in May 2025. This can only be a good thing.

Another highlight in 2024 has been the continued support from a local organisation which has given 40 'Be Kind' days to work with HHRDA and HHRC, improving facilities, erecting a shelter for parents and carers whilst watching sessions in the arena, and a shed to accommodate the RDA assets. This work has been much appreciated – and is hoped that it will be repeated next year.

The members of the HHRDA Trustee Group are feeling very positive for the forthcoming year.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

HHRDA Group holds £2000 in reserve for unexpected costs such as repairs to equipment or contributions to vet's bills. This reserve will be reviewed by the trustees at regular intervals and adjusted as necessary. This reserve will only be used for unforeseen costs that the trustees have agreed needs to be paid for by the charity, and only if the Trustees are confident that the expenditure can be replaced asap.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are no funds in deficit.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

HHRDA receives funding from donations, fund-raising activities (such as raffles and sponsorship monies) and the provision of coach-led sessions.

Any expenditure has only directly benefitted HHRDA – the provision of a shelter from which parents and carers may watch sessions and keep dry!!! Recently, it has been suggested that some specific tack be replaced – again to benefit HHRDA and it's clients.

Being a very small club, HHRDA is not in a position to externally invest any funds.

Section F


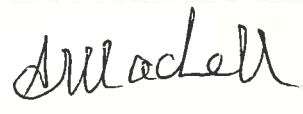
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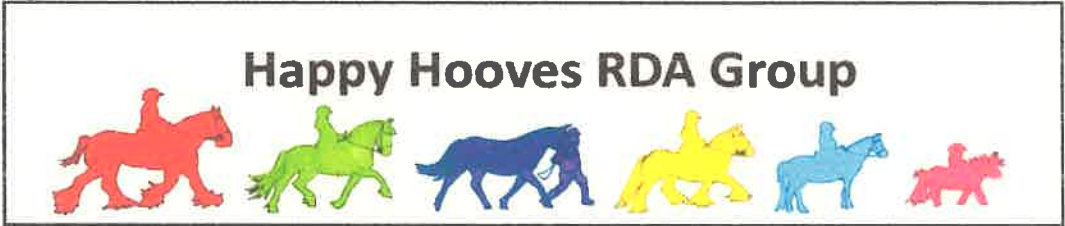
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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Rebecca Kemp	Alison Machell
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	HHRDA Group Chairperson (Int)	HHRDA Group Secretary
Date	11/06/25	



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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
From	01	04	23	To	31	03	24

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Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

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Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the min achievements of the charity during the year

After a major delay (spanning the two previous years' reports), and significant uncertainty, HHRC finally relocated to new premises on 1st September 2023, as can be seen by the address at the head of this report. The premises required much work and investment, and are still a work-in-progress in some areas.

Once settled, HHRDA made a significant effort to restart the efforts to 'get off the ground', and held the annual general meeting (AGM) in January 2024.

At the AGM, two new Trustees were voted in to replace Chris Henderson, who resigned in April 2023, and Steph Bradley who resigned December 2023. Therefore Jo Allinson and Emily Atherton were added to the Trustee Group with effect from January 2024. Jo is a key member of HHRC staff, and a qualified RDA Coach.

In May 2024, representatives from the central RDA visited HHRDA and declared themselves to be content with progress to date. They inspected the documentation and assessed a coaching session, and left feeling happy that HHRDA could continue.

Section E

Financial review

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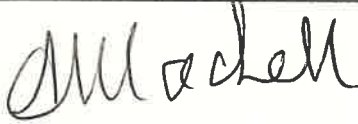
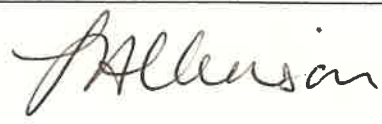
Section F Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Alison Machell	Jo Allinson
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	HHRDA Group Secretary	HHRDA Group Trustee

Date 24.01.25



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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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Section B Structure, governance and management

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The HHRDA Group continued to face the challenge of planned development of the nearby A66. This had resulted in HHRC losing much of its land, resulting in the almost inevitable relocation of the riding centre to new premises.

Additionally, the domestic premises connected with HHRC was to be dealt with under a Discretionary Purchase scheme. Combined, these two challenges have meant that HHRDA Group activities have mainly been 'on-hold' whilst the Highways Agency, and other stakeholders such as valuers, land agents etc., hold their meetings in accordance with due process.

This protracted process finally reached a conclusion in August 2023, but this conclusion falls outside of the scope of the dates covered by this report. The HHRDA Group activities have followed HHRC to a new location. The new location was definitely not 'ready-made' but has much potential. More details will be included in next year's Annual Report.

The latest addition to HHRDA Group Trustees, Chris Henderson, was to resign (due to ill health) in April 2023 – but again, this event falls just outside the dates covered by this report, therefore will be included in next year's Annual Report.

During the constant uncertainty of the last couple of years, HHRDA Group managed to continue operating in 'the background', knowing that further change was approaching, once the relocation of HHRC was complete.

Section E

Financial review

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Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are no funds in deficit.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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Our intention is to source funds through fundraising events and grant applications, we have had some support previously which has enabled us to deliver a small number of sessions as well as improving our equipment available.

Once we are established at our new location we intent to progress this much further.

Section F Other optional information

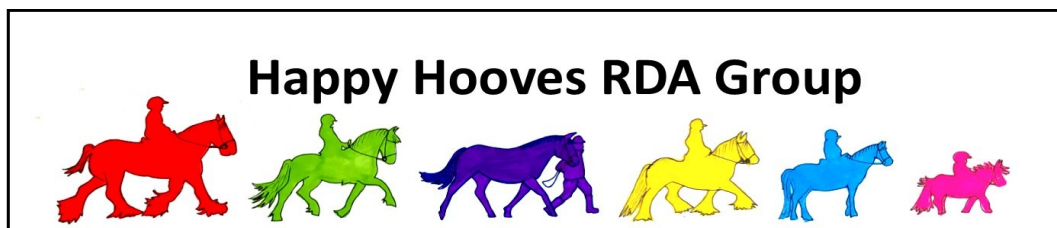
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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Vicky Bowman	Stephanie Bradley
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	HHRDA Group Chairperson	HHRDA Group Secretary
Date		



Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	01	04	20	To	31	03	21

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Happy Hooves Riding for Disabled Group

Other names charity is known by HHRDA Group

Registered charity number (if any) 1189349 (wef 04.05.20)

Charity's principal address
 The Classroom
 Coach House,
 Skirsgill Lane,
 Eamont Bridge,
 Penrith, Cumbria

Postcode CA10 2BQ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Vicky Bowman	HHRDA Group Chairperson	N/A	
2	Toni Cockburn	HHRDA Group Secretary	N/A	
3	Sue Bullen	HHRDA Group Trustee	N/A	
4	Steph Bradley	HHRDA Group Trustee	N/A	
5	Sarah Dadley	HHRDA Group Trustee	N/A	
6	Alison Machell	HHRDA Group Trustee	N/A	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	N/A

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

N/A

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity’s trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	HHRDA is subject to a governing document, entitled “Constitution of the Happy Hooves RDA (Riding for the Disabled) Association, incorporating Carriage Driving”. Additionally, HHRDA and Happy Hooves Riding Centre (HHRC) share a Service Level Agreement (SLA), whereby the assets used by HHRDA are provided from HHRC.
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	HHRDA is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), and applied for Charity Commission status, which was granted 04.05.20. HHRDA Group is a community interest organisation and a member of the Riding for the Disabled (RDA) association.
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are elected and voted in by HHRDA Group Trustees.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; <input type="checkbox"/> the charity’s organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; <input type="checkbox"/> relationship with any related parties; <input type="checkbox"/> trustees’ consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them. 	<p>In brief:</p> <p>All policies and procedures are under review and redevelopment, to ensure they are pertinent to HHRDA Group. All are based on RDA guidance, and use RDA templates, as applicable.</p> <p>HHRDA Group maintains a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Happy Hooves Riding Centre (HHRC), through which all assets (horses, tack, mechanical horse, arena, and amenities) are provided.</p> <p>Apart from the SLA with HHRC, HHRDA Group closely follows RDA guidance, and the Chairperson and Secretary maintain a professional relationship with county RDA advisors and representatives.</p> <p>A number of Risk Assessments are in place to cover operations relating to HHRDA Group. A Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery (BCDR) Plan also exists. The Trustees believe that risk</p>
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mitigation and management is key, including lessons learned exercises. Documentation is reviewed and revised annually, or when an event occurs.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

HHRDA Group understands that not all disabilities are visible, and plans to make horses and horse-riding an activity available for all, giving everyone the opportunity to experience the magic of horses, to help address mental health issues brought about by a variety of factors.

The aim is to operate a top-class equine facility for Cumbria within walking distance of Penrith town centre, providing a variety of equine experiences to adults, young people, groups and individuals across the Eden Valley. HHRDA Group will offer a diverse range of ridden and non-ridden activities for pleasure, health and wellbeing, developing confidence, and educational life skills, using recognised equine disciplines, and associated activities.

HHRDA Group operates in partnership with HHRC which is recognised as an alternative education provider for young people who are not in employment or training, through the British Horse Society's (BHS) Changing Lives programme. Jointly, HHRDA Group will work with the community and other partners to facilitate site improvements, and broaden the accessibility of HHRDA Group to more people, and ensure that everyone involved benefits from the magic of horses.

Through fund-raising (events, grants and activities) HHRDA Group plans a targeted, phased improvement of facilities to create a more accessible and modern facility for a wider range of clients. Therefore, initial funding applications will be targeted towards specific tack, hats and amenities, as suggested by RDA guidance.

Additionally, HHRDA Group wishes to offer those most in need, the opportunity to access these facilities at discounted rates.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

HHRDA Group, albeit halted somewhat by the Covid 19 pandemic, had planned fund-raising activities - these are on hold until pandemic restrictions are lifted by the UK Government.

Funding applications have been continuously submitted, with the knowledge that any funds realised must be ploughed back into the development of HHRDA, in preparation for the lifting of Covid 19 restrictions. That time is hopefully approaching and the Trustees are excited to be able to move forwards properly, for the benefit the members of the local community.

The HHRDA Group Trustees are fully conversant with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and can confirm that:

- The 'benefit' aspect will be realised in the way HHRDA Group can help those suffering mental health issues, anxiety, confidence issues etc., by giving access to horses, horse riding and associated activities.
- The 'public' aspect will be realised when the section of the public (as detailed above) will benefit from HHRDA Groups' provision of horse related activities, to alleviate adverse symptoms and create an environment for mental health improvements for all those who attend HHRDA Group sessions.

The HHRDA Group Trustees and those connected to HHRC (who will provide the assets for the HHRDA Group to operate), are all committed to facilitating sessions to bring about potentially life-changing outcomes for deserving individuals.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

As a relatively new enterprise, and with the adverse interruption of the Covid 19 pandemic (which stifled progress), HHRDA Group is at the inception phase of grant applications, targeting those which will assist in the initial stages of HHRDA Group development.

Any income or investment realised, will be ploughed back into HHRDA Group, to facilitate growth and development in accordance with the objectives above, to better benefit the HHRDA Group clients.

HHRDA Group is reliant on a core team of HHRC staff and a group of volunteers who will all be trained in accordance with RDA guidelines as coaches or volunteers. HHRDA Group will work closely with HHRC staff to coordinate the volunteer programme, and provide incentives - experience, recognition, qualification for the volunteers to help cement the rewarding experience of volunteering.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The newly-formed HHRDA Group has been somewhat stifled in its development, by the Covid 19 pandemic, and was unable to fund-raise, or conduct any sessions. However, the time was not wasted.

The HHRDA Group Trustees continued to meet almost monthly (usually via MS Teams) and develop plans for post-Covid, preparing documentation, and working on funding applications.

It is a significant achievement that the Group managed to maintain focus during the lull of the past year or so. In this time, suitable horses for HHRDA Group use have been identified, a list of tack and hat procurement has been prepared, volunteers have been enlisted, training is being arranged and facility improvement plans have been made.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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Due to Covid-19 restrictions all public fund-raising events have been put on hold. These will be re-scheduled when restrictions are lifted by the UK Government.

In the meantime, HHRDA Group has initiated, and benefited from, a variety of online charity donations, all which have contributed to a small income.



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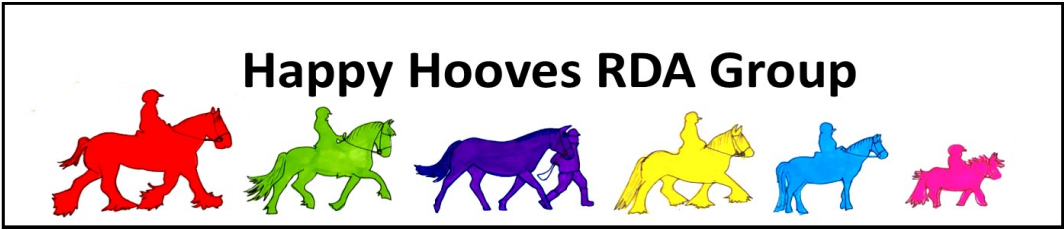
None. It is hoped that a more comprehensive and rewarding report will be submitted for the forthcoming year!

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Vicky Bowman	Toni Cockburn
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	HHRDA Group Chairperson	HHRDA Group Secretary
Date	31/08/2021	31/08/2021



HHRDA Group Income and Exp

Transaction Date	Invoice No/ Detail	Payment Into account	Payment out of account
04.05.2020	Opening balance		
05/20	No transaction - Covid19 shut down	£0.00	£0.00
04/20		£0.00	£0.00
06/20		£0.00	£0.00
07/20		£0.00	£0.00
08/20		£0.00	£0.00
	Balance Brought Forward		
08.09.20	Cash	£84.00	
09.09.20	Chq	£30.00	
29.09.20	PCC Fund	£3,500.00	
	Total in month -	£3,614.00	
07.10.20	Cash	£231.00	
08.10.20	Chq	£500.00	
08.10.20	Chq 100016	£0.00	£315.00
14.10.20	cash	£402.00	
15.10.20	Chq	£15.00	
29.10.20	Cash	£282.00	
30.10.20	Chq	£15.00	
30.10.20	Chq 100017	£315.00	£315.00
	Total in month -	£1,760.00	£630.00
06.11.20	Cash	£112.00	
09.11.20	Broome - Fundraiser	£30.00	
16.11.20	Easy Fundraising	£79.95	
16.11.20	Amazon Europe	£17.70	
23.11.20	Triple A Project	£150.00	
	Total in month -	£389.65	
01.12.20	PayPal	£212.50	
14.12.20	Chq 100018		£1,845.00
22.12.20	Crowdfunder	£940.80	
		£1,153.30	£1,845.00
05.01.21	One Lottery	£69.00	
12.01.21	One Lottery	£23.84	
19.01.21	One Lottery	£3.84	
26.01.21	One Lottery	£2.64	
28.01.21	Cash	£180.00	
29.01.21	PayPal	£77.25	
29.01.21	Chq 100019		£559.00
	Total in month -	£356.57	£559.00
02.02.21	One Lottery	£28.64	
11.02.21	Amazon Europe	£16.63	
16.02.21	One Lottery	£3.36	
23.02.21	One Lottery	£3.36	
	Total in month -	£51.99	
03.03.21	One Lottery	£31.36	
05.03.21	Crowdfunder	£1,100.00	

09.03.21	One Lottery	£3.36
24.03.21	One Lottery	£3.84
31.03.21	Easy Fundraising	£82.44
	Total in month -	£1,221.00
04.05.2020	Opening balance	£759.73
	Income	£8,546.51
	Sub total	£9,306.24
	Payments	£3,034.00
	Agree with Bank	£6,272.24
	Outstanding Invoices	£0.00
	Closing balance 31st March 2021	£6,272.24

enditure - 4th May 2020 - 31st March 2021

Balance in Bank	
£759.73	
£0.00	
£0.00	
£0.00	
£0.00	
£0.00	
£759.73	
£4,373.73	Statement 25.09.2020
	HHRDA chq rejected as only one signature - new cheque presented
	New cheque presented.
£5,503.73	Statement 30.10.2020
£5,893.38	Statement 25.11.20
£5,201.68	Statement 24.12.20
£4,999.25	Statement 30.01.21
£5,051.24	Statement 25.02.21

