

# **Ludlow and District Riding for the Disabled Association**

Registered under Charity Number 1191318

A Member of the Riding for the Disabled Association incorporating Carriage Driving

Registered under Charity number 244108

## **Trustees Annual Report Financial Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

Ludlow and District Riding for the Disabled Association, (also known as Ludlow & District RDA), became an independent charity on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1999. The constitution is the standard constitution of the Riding for the Disabled Association, first adopted at a meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 1998.

During 2011 Ludlow and District Group merged with Leominster Group and approximately 20 riders and the assets were transferred.

Following an Extraordinary General Meeting in February 2020, Ludlow & District RDA applied for, and was successful in becoming an incorporated organisation in September 2020. The Trustees agreed to transfer all assets at a meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and the new Charity number was adopted. A new constitution, again the standard constitution of the Riding for the Disabled Association, was also adopted.

The trustees manage the day to day running of the Group and are appointed or reappointed at the Annual General Meeting held each autumn. The Trustees during the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 were as follows:

Denise Cottom – elected Chairman

Margaret Anderson – elected Secretary

Diane Sisley – elected Treasurer

Peter Dickin and Catherine Whitlock retired at the 2021 AGM

Penny McIllelan and Janet Williams were elected at the 2021 AGM

The charity's correspondence address is Old Harpfields, Burford, Tenbury Wells, WR15 8HP.

The Groups' Bankers throughout the year were Barclays Bank, 3 King Street, Ludlow, SY8 1AJ.

The Association's cash assets as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 were £32,626.09.

The aim of Ludlow & District RDA is to provide disabled adults and children with the opportunity to ride and drive, to benefit their health and wellbeing, in

Ludlow and the surrounding area. These activities took place at North Farm Riding Establishment (NFRE), Ludlow, until 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021, when NFRE ceased trading and became a livery stable. As a result, the group was given notice to leave. Between 1<sup>st</sup> April and 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021 137 rides took place at NFRE, providing huge respite to those participants we were able to accommodate after the lockdown restrictions. During this period the Trustees explored a number of options for relocating the group and were pleased to sign an agreement, on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021, with Stephanie Eddies-Davies, Country Treks, Ginny Hole, Stottesdon, to hold riding sessions for adults and children there. Due to the relocation a number of both riders and volunteers were unable to continue with the group, resulting in a scaling down of activities. The first sessions were held on 13<sup>th</sup> September and between then and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 123 rides took place. Carriage driving is not possible at Country Treks. The possibility of moving this to the Cavalier Centre, Much Wenlock was still under discussion with the Trustees of the Cavalier Centre on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

The charity has no employees and so is entirely reliant on voluntary helpers. Up to 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021 there were approximately 35 volunteers. This dropped to 17 following the move to Country Treks. The Group would be unable to function without the help and support of our volunteers. They are absolutely essential as coaches and for leading, sidewalking and supporting our riders throughout our sessions. They are also invaluable in helping with the fundraising required to enable the Group to carry out its' prime objectives. The Trustees are extremely grateful to them all, during what proved to be another extremely challenging year. All in the Group continue to receive training to enable us to carry out our roles with participants and horses, including Safeguarding training and all are DBS checked, as required.

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

Signed on behalf of the trustees.

Signature		
Full name	Denise Cottom	
Position	Chair	
Date		

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Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

	<u>Year to</u> <u>31.03.22</u>	<u>Year to</u> <u>31.03.21</u>	
<u>Income</u>			
Riding Contributions	3,856.00	1,329.00	
Fundraising	816.80	100.00	
Donations	2,663.46	3,498.63	
100 Club	-	107.00	
Interest Received	2.72	29.59	
Disposal of Assets	1,669.16	-	
Insurance Refund	136.57	-	
Gift Aid	-	1,400.00	
Grant from Energize	805.95	-	
Grant from Screwfix Foundation	7,794.00	-	
Grant from Midcounties Co-op	2,000.00	-	
	19,744.66	6,464.22	
 <u>Expenditure</u>			
Riding Costs	7,320.00	2,175.00	
RDA Membership and Insurance	760.50	975.00	
Administration Costs	279.23	89.00	
Horse Costs	947.56	2,028.20	
Training and Assessment	444.00	150.00	
Repairs and Maintenance	352.91	687.10	
AGM Costs	45.00	-	
Sundry Expenses	40.00	135.18	
Arena Ground Rent	32.00	52.00	
Arena Equipment	805.95	-	
Groundworks	7,794.00	-	
Ringfence unspent Co-op Grant	1,328.00	-	
	20,149.15	6,291.48	
 <b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year</b>	 <b>(£404.49)</b>	 <b>£172.74</b>	

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Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

	<u>31.03.22</u>		<u>31.03.21</u>	
<u>Assets</u>				
Barclays Bank	32,129.35		30,554.09	
National Savings	2,477.74		2,477.49	
Cash in Hand	49.00		105.00	
Sundry Debtors	392.00	35,048.09	104.00	33,240.58
 <u>Liabilities</u>				
Sundry Creditors		2,422.00		210.00
		<b>£32,626.09</b>		<b>£33,030.58</b>
 Represented by:				
Balance brought forward		33,030.58		32,857.84
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		(404.49)		172.74
		<b>£32,626.09</b>		<b>£33,030.58</b>

