

## Chairman's report 2021

I ended my report last year with these words:

**That ends the report and we can only hope that our next report will be able to end on a positive note with accounts of lots of activities.**

Sadly the reality was very different as COVID maintained its grip and we were unable to carry out any sessions.

It is good to report that we are now functioning again and, although the start has been slow and a little frustrating, beginning to get back to normal. We currently have three adult riders, including one new participant, and Spring Common are sending us four riders, hopefully rising to eight, when they have the transport and logistics in place.

We also carried out something of a recruitment drive for volunteers and, thanks in part to the power of Facebook, we had an excellent response and have a large number of new volunteers with an excellent range of expertise with both equines and children with special needs. This is exciting and gives us the scope to be more ambitious in our activities.

Several courses have been undertaken by members, including Angie working through the labyrinthine process of becoming a Green Coach and new members are encouraged to look at the MyRDA website to see if there are courses of interest.

Before our re-start we assessed all the equines we use and thanks are due to Jean and her expertise in this regard. We also weighed all of Northbrook's equines so we have a clear idea their weight bearing capacity.

Several volunteers have stepped down since the first lockdown, either temporarily or permanently, and I would like to thank Rita Hobson from the Friday contingent for her loyal service. Rosemary and Hilary are also currently not participating but this may not be final so I will hold fire on thanking them. From the Monday team Sally and Diane have decided not to continue. Overall we are in a strong position with regard to helpers.

This will be dealt with more fully elsewhere on the agenda but I wanted to formally thank Gill Linnette on the group's behalf as she steps down. The group has benefited from her commitment, energy and dedication – not to mention her administrative acumen – for many years and I am enormously grateful for all she has done, both for the group as a whole as well as guiding me through the tricky waters involved in running the group.

Finally I will end by repeating last year's hope that next year's report will be full of lots of accounts of exciting activities!

# WOOD GREEN RDA INC CARRIAGE RIDING GROUP

(Registered charity 1074365)

## Accounts for year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### INCOME

Virgin Money Interest	£201.17
£2808.00	

Skipton BS Interest	£748.97
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Gifts	£627.80
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<b>Total</b>	<b>£1577.94</b>
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### EXPENDITURE

Northbrooke Equest	
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Training	£199.50
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Equipment	£91.00
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RDA Memb & Ins	£450.00
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<b>Deficit</b>	<b>£1862.56</b>
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### DEPRECIATION

Stirrups	£15.60
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Balance handles	£10.70
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Trolley Wheels	£4.72
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Saddle	£50.00
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Stirrup rubbers	£1.44
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Bunny ears	£16.58
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Halter straps	£8.640
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Weigh Scales	£566.40
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Fish Sticks	£95.40
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<b>Total</b>	<b>£769.68</b>
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Capital Account at 31st March 2020	£115,063.05
Minus deficit	£1862.56
Capital Account at 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2021	£113,200.49

B/fwd	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020	£3609.14
Add	Halters	£91.00
Less	Depreciation	£769.68

## CURRENT ASSETS

Skipton BS	£50,000
Virgin Money	£35,687.03
Barclays	£27513.46
Fixed Assets	£2930.46

**Total** **£116,130.95**