

## Report of the Trustees

After two years of disruption, the first part of this year saw us return to a semblance of normality. The children from Spring Common came every week and we had four regular adult riders. All in all we gave a total of approximately 250 rides during the course of the year. Given that we do not charge our riders this is a remarkable contribution to their welfare and brings incalculable benefit. Unfortunately we have had a break since July with our adults and I will cover that later in this report.

We have continued to build a good, and improving, relationship with Spring Common and we have benefited from increased communication with regard to our riders. This is very important.

During the past year we have found a number of new helpers who have brought a wealth of skill and sensitivity to the group and I feel we are an efficient and coherent team who meet each session as something to enjoy. All helpers are involved in the de-briefs after our sessions and lots of sage comment is imparted.

We have had a First Aid Training Day at which a large number of our members became qualified in Equestrian First Aid.

The hiatus with the adult riders was the consequence of Jean Charles, our head coach's decision to step down from her role. Jean has provided such expertise and guidance over the past few years, and I want to formally thank her for all she has done at this juncture, that it was inevitably going to be difficult to move forward with the adults immediately. This proved to be the case. Luckily a combination of Jo Cordell and Roz Brown have risen to the challenge and we are close to having two qualified coaches for the Monday sessions and I want to publicly thank Jo and Roz for all that they have done to facilitate a return to adult riding. It is good to report that adult riding started again four days ago. We are now in a much

stronger position with three coaches, Jo, Roz and Angie, with Fiona Baylis also on the path to RDA qualification.

As the financial report will indicate later, we remain in a healthy financial position and we continue to be able to not charge for lessons. We have also spent the legacy left from Ann Fitzsimons on the beginnings of sensory equipment which we intend to build upon.

All in all this has been a positive year and I look forward to increased activity and exciting developments over the next twelve months.

## Wood Green RDA

### Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2023

**Balance brought forward £106,027.39**

#### **BARCLAYS**

##### **INCOME**

Donations £238.94

**Total income £238.94**

##### **EXPENDITURE**

DBS Checks £18.90

Miscellaneous £78.05

Northbrooke £1890.00

Mounting Block £990.00

Legacy Items £547.35

**Total expenditure £3524.30**

Balance brought forward £20541.53

Income £238.94

Expenditure £3524.30

**Balance £17256.17**

**Barclays £17256.17**

**Virgin £35,485.86**

**Skipton BS £50,000.00**

**TOTAL £102,742.03**

Peter Daum – Treasurer