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ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

2021-2022

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **6 April 2021** **To** **5 April 2022**

Charity name: **Wenlo Riding for the Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving**

Charity registration number: **1073408 (Unincorporated Charity) 1191961 (CIO)**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote the objects of the Riding for the Disabled Association incorporating Carriage Driving A UK Company Limited by Guarantee No 5010395 A Charity Registered in England & Wales (No 244108) and Scotland (No SC039473) by providing disabled people with the opportunity to ride and/or carriage drive to benefit their health and wellbeing in the Leicestershire/Nottinghamshire area
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Our main activities are to offer adults and children with disabilities an opportunity to ride and look after horses to aid their physical, mental and emotional wellbeing. We aim to teach new skills and promote independence by encouraging participants to take charge of their horses in a secure environment. As well as riding lessons, we give our riders the opportunity to ride in the countryside, to take part in competitions including those organised by RDA UK, and to enjoy the sensory experience of being around horses at their own pace, and we work to develop supportive relationships with carers and families.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	In planning our activities we keep in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	**N/A**

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	**N/A**
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	We are an entirely voluntary-run organisation - our coaches and even the horses are volunteers, and some of our participants also volunteer with us. We are grateful for the many hours of dedicated work from all our volunteers who do everything from caring for our horses to assisting in riding/driving sessions and fundraising.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	WENLO RDA ASSOCIATION Chair's Report for AGM 6 December 2021 **Chair's Report for AGM 06.12.21** Covid-19 remains the largest threat to our activities and our focus has remained firmly upon providing safe procedures and protocols so that our riders and volunteers continue to benefit from RDA. Regular reviews of government advice, risk assessments and local data have been undertaken by the Trustees. Governance issues are also a high priority and, following our Incorporation with RDA, we have changed our bank account and charity registration accordingly. Rider numbers have improved, as have the number of volunteers but, inevitably, some riders and volunteers have found it impossible to resume RDA. Mostly this is due to general prevalence of Covid transmission in the community and the lack of carers to assist with facilitating riders to attend. Some riders have also lost confidence, physical strength and funding for RDA. Our aim this year has been to improve the range of activities we offer to more individuals. To this end we have started carriage driving sessions using a group of specially trained volunteers. We are also organising "tea with a pony" sessions to combat loneliness, dementia and lack of well-being amongst older persons.

		Funding for our activities has carried on relentlessly. We have continued support to feed our ponies and cover running costs. Capital improvements have also been made in the form of a new track around the fields at Bowleys Barn Farm. We now have a good quality, safe circular track with a variety of contours, surfaces and sensory experiences which will benefit riders and carriage drivers alike. This is a magnificent asset. Our next capital project will be to improve the reception area to include better and appropriate washing and toilet facilities. Our search for a large horse continues; finding the right horse for the right price has been problematic but we remain optimistic. Our riders have been able to compete in competitions virtually with great success and our volunteers (Dawn, Sharon and Ava) have been recognised by RDA Central for their outstanding contribution to RDA. As retiring Chair, I am very proud of these achievements and those of all our riders, volunteers, donors and supporters. Jane Barton .

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Cash funds held at end of period totalled £22,754.82 Of which £7,818.34 unrestricted funds £10,206.21 restricted funds £4,730.27 designated funds
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Aim to hold 3-6 months' operating costs in reserve in line with Charity Commission general guidance for groups[1]
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Unrestricted: £7,818.34 Restricted: £10,206.21 Designated: £4,730.27 Restricted reserves at end of accounting period are held for: Completion of specified projects (riding track and viewing platform); Purchase of a new horse and related costs (when a suitable horse is found); Certain equipment for use in riding/driving sessions. Designated funds at end of accounting period are set aside for: Horse purchase, as above; Costs associated with care for Wenlo horse, when purchased.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Direct donations, fundraising events organised by our charity volunteers, donations from other fundraising groups, grants
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Money set aside for emergency expenditure for Wenlo RDA's horse is kept in an HSBC Business Saver account.

1 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/charities-and-reserves-cc19/charities-and-reserves#explaining-reserves-in-the-annual-report

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Wenlo RDA maintains a regularly updated Risk Register and this can be provided on request.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution (RDA UK Standard Constitution for Unincorporated Group for charity number 1073408; RDA UK Standard Constitution for CIO Group for charity number 1191961)
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are elected at the AGM which is usually held in December. One third of the Trustees are required to retire at each AGM but may be re-elected. Trustees are required to declare any conflict of interest/personal interest.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	New trustees are given RDA *UK's Trustee Welcome Pack* Trustees participate in relevant training and courses organised by RDA UK including Safeguarding and Governance training.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Wenlo RDA is a member group of RDA UK (charity number 244108), in the North Midlands region
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	**Wenlo Riding for the Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving**
Other name the charity uses	**Wenlo RDA**
Registered charity number	**1073408 (Unincorporated charity)** **1191961 (CIO)**
Charity's principal address	**Bowleys Barn Farm** **Stanford Lane** **Normanton on Soar** **LOUGHBOROUGH** **LE12 5ER**

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	JANE BARTON	CHAIR (UNTIL DECEMBER 2021)	To 6 Dec 2021	N/A
2	JANE CORRALL	SECRETARY	N/A	N/A
3	CLAIRE MADEN	TREASURER	N/A	N/A
4	MARIA HOLDAWAY		N/A	N/A
5	SHARON GARNER	CHAIR (FROM DECEMBER 2021)	N/A	N/A
6	CLARE BUTLER		Elected as Trustee at AGM on 6 Dec 2021	

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

N/A

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

N/A

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A

Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity’s own assets	N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

As noted above, Wenlo RDA became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) during the 2021-22 accounting year, transitioning activities to the CIO from August 2021 onwards. All Wenlo's activities are now conducted through the CIO.

Accounts

1073408 (Unincorporated Charity) - active until August 2021

INCOME	To the nearest £ Unrestricted	Restricted	**TOTAL TO NEAREST £1**
DONATIONS	3,420		**3,420**
FUNDRAISING	375		**375**
GRANTS	0		**0**
GIFT AID	367		**367**
COMPETITION FEES	247		**247**
MISC	900		**900**
INTEREST*	-		
*interest earned was less than £1 in the period			
TOTAL RECEIPTS	5,309	0	**5,309**

EXPENDITURE	To the nearest £ Unrestricted	Restricted	**TOTAL TO NEAREST £1**
BANK CHARGES	5		**5**
HORSE CARE	1,980		**1,980**
TRAVEL/ASSESSMENT/TRAINING	223		**223**
INSURANCE/MEMBERSHIP	979		**979**
STATIONERY/ADMIN	58		**58**
COMPETITIONS	321		**321**
EQUIPMENT/MAINTENANCE	1,419		**1,419**
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	4,985		**4,985**

RESERVES AT FINANCIAL YEAR END

All reserves were transferred to CIO

1191961 (CIO) - active from August 2021 onwards.

All assets of Unincorporated Charity were transferred to CIO.

INCOME	To the nearest £		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	**TOTAL FUNDS TO NEAREST £1**
DONATIONS	1,880		**1,880**
FUNDRAISING	1,950		**1,950**
GRANTS	500	2,500	**3,000**
INTEREST*	0		
*Interest earned less than £1			
TOTAL RECEIPTS	4,330	2,500	**6,830**

EXPENDITURE	To the nearest £		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	**TOTAL EXPENDITURE TO NEAREST £1**
BANK CHARGES	19		**19**
TRAVEL	90		**90**
STATIONERY/ADMIN/COMPETITION ENTRIES	114		**114**
PROJECTS	0	193	**193**
EQUIPMENT/MAINTENANCE	30		**30**
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	253	193	**446**

RESERVES AT FINANCIAL YEAR END	To the nearest £1
RESTRICTED	10,206
UNRESTRICTED - DESIGNATED	4,730
UNRESTRICTED - FREE	7,818
TOTAL	**22,754**