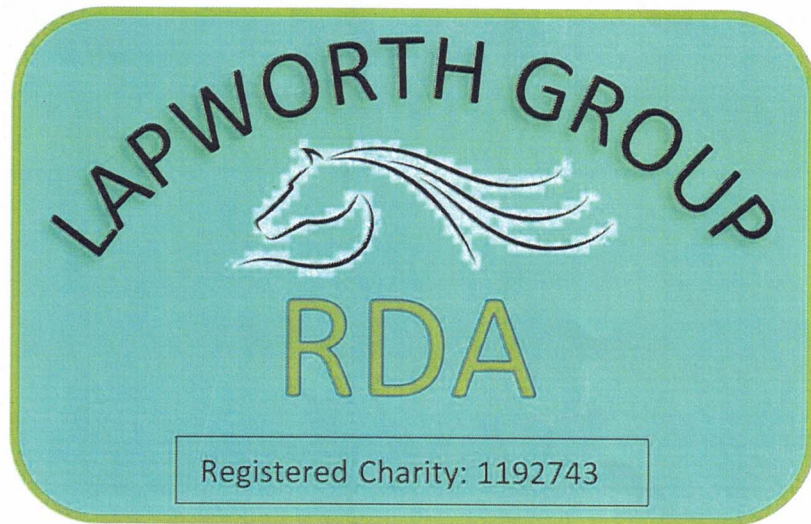




**Lapworth Group Riding for the Disabled Association
Incorporating Carriage Driving**

CIO 1192743

Trustees' Report 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024

Background

Lapworth Group Riding for the Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in December 2020, charity number 1192743. This charity replaced the small charity, Lapworth Group RDA 1074295.

Lapworth Group Riding for the Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving is a member of the RDA UK.

Governance

Trustees are appointed to post by members at the Annual General Meeting. Trustees serve up to 2 terms of 3 years. A scheme of rotation exists to ensure continuity of leadership while allowing for the board to be refreshed. The board will co-opt new Trustees as and when required during the year. and their appointment referred to the subsequent AGM for confirmation.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Trustees

Trustee name	Resignations	Role	Other trusteeship/conflict of interest
Pamela Margaret Hadley		Chair	None recorded
Alison Mary Alabaster		Treasurer	None recorded
Vivien May Burrows		Secretary	None recorded
Helen Mary Carmel Smith		Trustee	Chairperson of Evelyn's Gift 1165015(CIO)
Jacqueline Hennessy		Trustee	None recorded
Susan Mary Philpott		Trustee	Oxhill Village Hall 1184770 (CIO)

Objectives

The group provides therapeutic horse-riding opportunities for children with special educational needs from a special needs school, during term time. The children have conditions that include ADHD and Autism and the aim of our group is to provide enjoyment, learning opportunities, improvements in concentration and confidence.

Activities

Our primary activities are weekly riding sessions for the children during term time at the RDA National Training Centre, Shrewley. The sessions involve learning to mount, control and steer the equines. Progression is in the form of trotting and riding independently. The riders also have the opportunity to ride the mechanical horse which aids their balance and enhances their enjoyment. At the end of the academic year the riders participate in a Fun Day where they show what they have learnt and compete against riders from other RDA Groups.

During the year we had 18 participants, all under the age of 11years old. The sessions were delivered by 2 coaches and 25 volunteers who supported the children to get the most from the experience of being in a different environment, talking to our volunteers, learning new skills and gaining in confidence. With encouragement from our team, the group improved their confidence and concentration, improving core strengths and engaged in an activity that would not normally be available to them, thereby achieving our objectives. The feedback from the school was very positive in that the children's behaviour improved and led to numerous conversations about what they had learnt and done during the lesson.

At Fun Day, the children were able to compete against riders from other groups and received many rosettes in recognition of their achievements.

Safeguarding

The charity has a safeguarding policy, in line with RDA UK, and a Safeguarding officer. Disclosure and Barring Service checks are undertaken by all volunteers and coaches.

Financial Review

A total of £3004 was received as unrestricted funding during the financial year, from donations and from a fundraising event.

A restricted grant of £500 was carried over from 2023 from the Harry Payne Foundation. This fund was used to purchase equipment amounting to £500, as per the terms of the grant. Other, unrestricted expenditure amounted to £2,828. The reason for the increase in total unrestricted expenditure was that this was the first complete year of full attendance of the school since the Covid 19 pandemic.

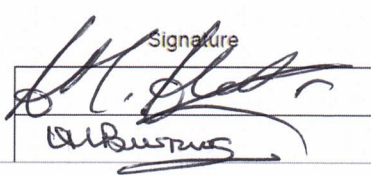
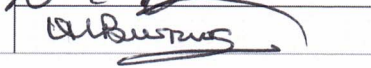
Reserves policy

The trustees of the charity acknowledge that should the reserves fall below £1,000 then it would not be acceptable to keep offering riding lessons to the children from a local special needs school. Lapworth Group RDA do not own any equines or property and our main expenditure relates to an annual membership of the Riding for the Disabled Association UK; an annual insurance payment and the hire of equines and the arena, in which the lessons are given.

Reserves of £12,431 are held with Lloyds Bank PLC at the end of this financial period.

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Lapworth Group Riding for the Disabled Association		No (if any)	CC16a	
	Incorporating Carriage Driving		1192743		
Receipts and payments accounts					
For the period from		Period start date	To	Period end date	
		01/04/2023		31/03/2024	
Section A Receipts and payments					
	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Unrestricted donations	2,161	-	-	2,161	1,575
Harry Payne Foundation Grant funding	-	-	-	-	500
Wren Hall event	843	-	-	843	518
Restricted individual donations	-	-	-	-	216
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,004	-	-	3,004	2,809
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,004	-	-	3,004	2,809
A3 Payments					
Cost of fundraising	80	-	-	80	133
RDA membership and insurance	426	-	-	426	400
Hire of ponies and facilities	2,065	-	-	2,065	1,450
sundries	83	-	-	83	35
DBS checks	-	-	-	-	44
Equipment	174	500	-	674	228
First Aid training	-	-	-	-	200
Sub total	2,828	500	-	3,328	2,490
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,828	500	-	3,328	2,490
Net of receipts/(payments)	176	- 500	-	- 324	319
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	176	- 500	-	- 324	319

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds bank	12,431		-
	Total cash funds	12,431	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	None		-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	None		-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	None		-	
			-	
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	None		-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			ALISON MARY ALABASTER	17/7/2024
			VIVIEN MAY BURROWS	17/7/2024