

RUDDINGTON RDA GROUP

CIO Charity No. 1194228

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

RUDDINGTON RDA GROUP now in its thirty-fifth year continued to liaise with Nethergate Academy who appreciated the support we had given their pupils during the 2023-2024 year and which they acknowledged had been a wonderful experience for all the participants. This had been made possible by the hard work and dedication of all the volunteers.

VOLUNTEERS:

We started the Summer Term on 20 April 2023 with twelve volunteers but unfortunately Chloe Whysall who was a Coach in Training was unable to continue through ill health but had expressed an interest in returning when things improved. However, we had a busy first day putting on the Easter Egg Hunt which had been postponed from the Spring Term because the School had to cancel the session. The Chairman presented the children with Easter Eggs. Two of our volunteers, Jane Harris and Linda Taylor, were presented with flowers to celebrate a Special Birthday (60 years)! And Anne Raisbeck was presented with the Green Card Certificate.

Anne Raisbeck attended First Aid training with Medi-K arranged by Kesteven RDA on 3 July 2023 and Sara Hickman completed the First Aid training at the Aly Greenway Workplace Training, Skydive Centre, Langar on 11 July 2023.

Anne Raisbeck very cleverly constructed a Ruddington RDA Group Banner which hangs in the Indoor School alongside the Wenlo banner as a reminder that we are the RDA groups that are based at Meadow School of Riding. Anne Risbeck, Tracy Madgwick and Di Kidger completed Safeguard training on 7 September 2023; the certificates were sent directly to the volunteers by RDA UK.

Sara Hickman was presented with the 5-year Long Service Certificate and the Certificate of Appreciation on 6 July 2023 by Dawn Whitmore-Kirby during the End-Of-Term presentation Ceremony arranged for the participants trophy presentation.

The session on 9 November, without the riders, was devoted to discussing ways of recruiting for more volunteers and the importance of encouraging volunteers to become coaches. We also celebrated Dawn Whitmore-Kirby's with a little presentation made by the Chair.

On the last day of the Winter Term, 7 December 2023 Lorraine Levell, the Group Coach from the S.Notts Group, visited Ruddington and helped with coaching at the session. While still in the festive mood the volunteers enjoyed a Christmas lunch at The Packe Arms, Hoton.

On 21 September 2023 we welcomed Denise Ward to our team of volunteers who settled into the routine very quickly and has become a valued member of the Group. Unfortunately, Di Kidger who had been associated with the Group for a number of years was unable to continue helping with the riding sessions so retired at the end of November. However, she very generously continues to support the Group's fundraising activities in particular collecting ink cartridges and golf balls to raise cash.

Away Day: On 11 January 2024 several volunteers, namely, Anne R., Anne W., Elaine (accompanied by her sister) Jane D., Linda, Sara, Tracy and Pat visited Belvoir Vale RDA to observe the Belvoir Vale Group's ridden sessions and to look round the new exciting facilities.

Through staff shortages Nethergate found it difficult to come to the stables on a couple of occasions so on Thursday 29 February and Thursday 21 March 2024 several of the volunteers took equipment to the Nethergate Academy and held Horse Care sessions in the School Hall.

To wind up a busy, interesting year on the last day of the Spring Term the volunteers went out to lunch at The Star, West Leake

PARTICIPANTS:

We started the Summer Term 2023 with six riders from Nethergate Academy - Alyssa, Bart, Darcey, Isa, Wojdan and Zahra. The Term started with the Easter egg Hunt which has been postponed from the Spring Term. The participants rode their ponies to collect mini eggs hidden around the indoor school and at the end of the session Jane Harris, the Chair, presented all the children with an individual East Egg.

On Thursday 4 May 2024 to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III the children had a short ridden session of pick up and drop games – collect a fish and rehang it on the hook, and pick up an ice cream cone and drop in the bucket. The riding was followed by a Coronation Tea kindly provided by the volunteers and everyone was presented with a Coronation rosette to commemorate the occasion.

Presentations were made by Dawn Whitmore-Kirby, Regional Coach, on 6 July as follows:

The Diana Haddon Award was presented to Alyssa Dutton
Endeavour Certificates to Bart, Darcey, Wojdan, Zhara and Alyssa.

The Teddy Bears' Picnic was held on the last day of the Academic Year Thursday 13 July 2023, and The Gold Award was presented to Isa Khan.

The school made changes to the children riding with us and so we started the Winter Term on 21 September 2023 with Darcey returning and Rwa Aziz and Macey Grace Whittaker joining her. By November three more riders had registered to ride with Ruddington, namely, Fletcher Thorsby, Willow Sneath and Max Kennedy. These six riders remained with us until the end of the 2023-2024 year.

The Winter Term ended on Thursday 7 December 2023 with a visit from Santa (aka Professor Michael Steven) who gave all the children a selection box of chocolates.

The Spring Term started on 18 January 2024 and all six children attended the sessions at Meadow School of Riding until the February break. To maintain continuity after half-term the Volunteers visited the Nethergate Academy on Thursday 29 February and Thursday 21 March 2024 to work with the children. On the 29 February five children participated in learning about horse care using equipment and tack provided by Ruddington. On 21 March the volunteers worked with the children on feeding and stabling once again with teaching aids brought from Ruddington's stores. Also an Easter Egg hunt was arranged based on a dressage arena and at the end of the session the children were presented with individual Easter Eggs by the Chair.

FUNDRAISING:

The Rushcliffe Mayor's (Debbie Mason) chosen charity during her term of office from May 2023 to May 2024 was the RDA and Ruddington was privileged to be one of the recipients in the Rushcliffe Borough. The Ruddington Coach (Patricia Steven) was asked to represent the RDA for the Borough. The Mayor held several fundraising events and our Chair, Jane Harris, and Pat liaised with the Mayor and the Mayor's office to present and promote the fundraising activities. There are six RDA Groups in the Rushcliffe Borough who will benefit from the Mayor's fundraising, and the donations will become available at the end of her term of office in the 2024-2025 financial year. Volunteers from all six RDA Groups in Rushcliffe supported the Mayor's events.

The Co-op Local Community Fund The Co-op Fund donated £1,542.42 which was paid into the Ruddington bank account in November 2023. The Secretary, Patricia Steven, completed and returned the End of Project Report on behalf of Ruddington.

RUDDINGTON RIDING FOR THE DISABLED GROUP

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Accounts for the year ended 5th April, 2024

INCOME

The Winifred Eileen Kemp Trust Donation	2000.00
Co-Op Community Fund Donation (Deposit Acct)	1542.42
Ruddington Spring Fayre (Inc. Donation F. Keogh)	440.47
Guess the Date Competition	266.00
Rushcliffe Rotary Club Donation	250.00
Hickling Scarecrow Weekend	230.50
Radcliffe on Trent Carnival	144.45
Tollerton Fayre	118.00
Sutton Bonington Country Show	112.00
Hickling Scarecrow Committee Donation	100.00
Bank Account Interest Deposit Account	87.86
Avenue Farm Garden Party	82.00
Sales of Christmas Candles	14.00
Sale of Golf Balls (D. Kidger)	12.00
	5399.70

EXPENDITURE

Meadow School of Riding – Pony Hire 3.11.22-7.12.23	1928.50
Meadow School of Riding – Annual Storage Fee	520.00
RDA Membership Fee and Insurance	460.00
Showstoppers Ltd – Coronation Rosettes	125.22
First Aid Training Course	63.25
Ruddington Parish Council – Spring Fayre Hall Deposit	59.30
Presentation Gifts	54.49
Hickling Scarecrow Weekend Pitch Fee	25.00
Rushcliffe Borough Council – Small Lotteries Licence Renewal	20.00
Radcliffe on Trent Carnival Pitch Fee	20.00
Guess the Date Competition Prize (M&S Voucher)	20.00
Sutton Bonington Village Hall Hire (AGM)	18.00
Christmas Selection Boxes for Pupils	13.00
DBS Forms	11.00
P. Steven Coaching Course Fee	10.00
Pupils Award Engraving	9.00
First Aid Equipment	7.39
Bags of Sweets (Fundraising Consolation Prizes)	6.90
Craft Items	3.49
	3374.54

	2023/2024	2022/2023
INCOME	5399.70	6426.85
EXPENDITURE	3374.54	3640.52
EXCESS	+2025.16	+2786.33

ACCOUNT BALANCES

	5 April 2024	5 April 2023
CURRENT A/C	16714.25	16322.98
DEPOSIT A/C	9229.82	7599.54
3RD A/C	1239.95	1239.95
PETTY CASH	100.35	96.74
	27284.37	25259.21

**CHANGES IN TOTAL ACCOUNT
BALANCE OVER FINANCIAL YEAR**

5 APRIL 2023	25259.21
5 APRIL 2024	27284.37
	+2025.16