

THE FORESTERS' HORN GROUP RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1203527

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-06-13

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE OBJECTS OF THE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION INCORPORATING CARRIAGE-DRIVING A REGISTERED CHARITY UNDER CHARITY NUMBER 244108 BY PROVIDING DISABLED PEOPLE WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO RIDE AND/OR CARRIAGE DRIVE TO BENEFIT THEIR HEALTH AND WELL BEING IN THE WIRRAL CHESTER AREA

Activities: The Foresters' Horn Group RDA enriches lives through horses. We provide riding sessions twice a week in term time at two venues in Wirral. The sessions cater for children, young people and adults with physical and learning disabilities and help them to develop new skills and enjoy being with horses. The group is run entirely by volunteers.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Wirral

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£10,158	£10,533	-	-
2024-03-31	£4,575	£7,088	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Christine Anne Millsted		2021-07-01
Christine Elizabeth Potts		2011-05-16
Christine Timson		2020-08-11
Dr Andrew Smethurst		2021-07-01
Dr Celia Rosamund Parry		2020-08-11
FIONA WRIGHT		2013-01-31
Heather Margaret Gradden		2021-07-01
Moira Pemberton		2011-05-16
Rachel Louise Williams		2019-06-03
Ruth Carolyn Bedford		2011-05-16
Valerie Jones		2023-06-30

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 5 April 2024
Period end date

Period start date To 4 April 2025

Charity name: The Foresters' Horn Group Riding for the Disabled Association

Charity registration number:1203527

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To use horses to enrich the lives of disabled people in the UK
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	3 separate riding sessions every week during term-time. 2 at Wirral riding Centre and 1 at Larton Riding School. Total of 18 participant riders, both children and adult, at any time.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Yes, the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All sessions are run entirely by volunteers.
Other		

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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	This year the 22 beneficiaries have attended a total of 380 riding lessons. The riders, children and adults, have benefitted physically, emotionally and socially from these sessions. The benefits have also extended to the families of the riders who feel supported and love to watch their children enjoying the lessons and making good progress. Volunteers run all the sessions and there have been 712 volunteer sessions attended over the year. They also benefit in many ways.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Income was £10,158.01 and expenditure £10,532.52 Closing funds were £34,152.33
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The reserves are held to protect us against drops in income, so that we could continue to run our service. Also in case of any unexpected major expenditure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£25,000
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	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Age of the volunteers
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution and Membership Agreement
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	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 selected by joint agreement of committee

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	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Riding for The Disabled UK
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Foresters' Horn Group Riding for the Disabled Association
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1203527
Charity's principal address	10 Dovepoint Road, Wirral CH47 6AR.

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Valerie A Jones	
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Full name(s)	Valerie A Jones	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
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Date	19/10/2025
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**Riding for the Disabled - The Foresters
Horn Group**

**Income and Expenditure for the year
ended 31st March 2025**

<u>Expenditure</u>	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Hire of Horses	6,440.00	5,400.00	5680.00	4,085.00	300.00	5,507.00
Equipment	732.90	278.05	497.69	263.32		503.28
Admin	69.34	158.65	190.00	90.04		159.60
Insurance	477.00	460.00	460.00	415.50	450.00	450.00
Publicity, fundraising costs						320.00
Misc (subs, courses etc.)					489.31	280.00
Misc (other)	154.04	153.79	47.95	193.00		
Courses/Hall Hire	1,661.00	15.75	15.75	1,065.80		
DBS Fees	162.00	70.20	59.40	135.00		
Conferences						192.50
Catering	161.84	192.32	71.51	56.42		231.88
Mayors charity						
RDA collection boxes						
Sponsorship					400.00	400.00
Clwyd weekend/mechanical horse	245.00	150.00	1056.33			150.00
Fleeces/polo shirts	429.40	209.00		90.00		15.00
	10,532.52	7,087.76	8,078.63	6,394.08	1,639.31	8,209.26

Income

Riding Contributions	218.00	262.00	167	319.50		269.50
Donations	7,831.75	179.33	2757.41	13,078.00	3,025.00	50.00
Fundraising Income	1,171.92	2,516.96	1734.52		107.35	12,110.00
Standing Orders	590.00	615.00	660	600.00	600.00	690.00
Goods Sold	53.00		88	43.00		313.02
Conferences						
Gift Aid	0.00	515.82			217.63	
Refund			180	60.00	256.50	230.00
	9,864.67	4,089.11	5,586.93	14,100.50	4,206.48	13,662.52

Intrest (Savings account)	293.34	485.89	346.27	100.98	28.93	104.04
Total Income	10,158.01	4,575.00	5,933.20	14,201.48	4,235.41	13,766.56

Excess income over expenditure 1st April
to 31st March

Income	10,158.01	4,575.00	5,933.20	14,201.48	4,235.41	13,766.56
Expenditure	10,532.52	7,087.76	8,078.63	6,394.08	1,639.31	8,209.26
Excess income over expenditure	-374.51	-2,512.76	-2,145.43	7,807.40	2,596.10	5,557.30

Riding for the Disabled - The Foresters Horn Group

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

CASH FUNDS

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
COOP Current Account	9,218.88	9,886.73	16,011.48	18,503.18	10,796.76	8,229.59
COOP Savings	25,293.45	25,000.00	21,388.01	21,041.74	20,940.76	20,911.83
	34,512.33	34,886.73	37,399.49	39,544.92	31,737.52	29,141.42

RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT OF FUNDS

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Opening Funds	34,886.73	37,399.49	39,544.92	31,737.52	29,141.42	23,584.12
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(374.51)	(2,512.76)	(2,145.43)	7,807.40	2,596.10	5,557.30
Closing Funds	34,512.22	34,886.73	37,399.49	39,544.92	31,737.52	29,141.42

The accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 were approved at the AGM of
Riding for the Disabled - The Foresters Horn Group

Co-Chairperson _____

Date _____

Co-Chairperson _____

Date _____

Treasurer

Date

2019	2018	2015	2014	2013
2,776.33	4,739.12	6,725.72	3,483.13	3,763.71
20,807.79	20,704.27	25,416.66	25,290.21	25,189.51
<u>23,584.12</u>	<u>25,443.39</u>	<u>32,142.38</u>	<u>28,773.34</u>	<u>28,953.22</u>

2019	2018	2015	2014	
25,443.39	27,031.62	28,773.34	28,953.22	28,274.88
(1,859.27)	(1,588.23)	3,369.04	(179.88)	678.34
<u>23,584.12</u>	<u>25,443.39</u>	<u>32,142.38</u>	<u>28,773.34</u>	<u>28,953.22</u>

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Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Valerie Jones

Full name(s)

Valerie Jones

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Secretary

Date

16.10.24

Riding for the Disabled - The Foresters' Horn Group

Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2024

<u>Expenditure</u>	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Hire of Horses	5,400.00	5680.00	4,085.00	300.00	5,507.00	4283.00
Equipment	278.05	497.69	263.32		503.28	578.40
Admin	158.65	190.00	90.04		159.60	
Insurance	460.00	460.00	415.50	450.00	450.00	463.65
Publicity, fundraising costs					320.00	220.40
Misc (subs, courses etc.)				489.31	280.00	929.17
Misc (other)	153.79	47.95	193.00			
Courses/Hall Hire	15.75	15.75	1,065.80			
DBS Fees	70.20	59.40	135.00			
Conferences					192.50	245.00
Catering	192.32	71.51	56.42		231.88	
Mayors charity						1365.00
RDA collection boxes						134.30
Sponsorship				400.00	400.00	200.00
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	<u>7,087.76</u>	<u>8,078.63</u>	<u>6,394.08</u>	<u>1,639.31</u>	<u>8,209.26</u>	<u>8,418.92</u>
<u>Income</u>						
Riding Contributions	262.00	167	319.50		269.50	398.50
donations	179.33	2757.41	13,078.00	3,025.00	50.00	619.12
Fundraising Income	2,516.96	1734.52		107.35	12,110.00	3825.33
Standing Orders	615.00	660	600.00	600.00	690.00	855.00
Goods Sold		88	43.00		313.02	
Conferences						140.00
Gift Aid	515.82			217.63		583.18
Refund		180	60.00	256.50	230.00	
						35.00
	<u>4,089.11</u>	<u>5,586.93</u>	<u>14,100.50</u>	<u>4,206.48</u>	<u>13,662.52</u>	<u>6,456.13</u>
Intrest(Yorkshire BS)	485.89	346.27	100.98	28.93	104.04	103.52
Total Income	<u>4,575.00</u>	<u>5,933.20</u>	<u>14,201.48</u>	<u>4,235.41</u>	<u>13,766.56</u>	<u>6,559.65</u>
Excess income over expenditure 1st April to 31st March						
Income	4,575.00	5,933.20	14,201.48	4,235.41	13,766.56	6,559.65
Expenditure	7,087.76	8,078.63	6,394.08	1,639.31	8,209.26	8,418.92
Excess income over expenditure	<u>-2,512.76</u>	<u>-2,145.43</u>	<u>7,807.40</u>	<u>2,596.10</u>	<u>5,557.30</u>	<u>-1,859.27</u>

RIDING FOR THE DISABLED - THE FORESTERS' HORN GROUP

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31st MARCH 2024

CASH FUNDS	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2015	2014	2013
COOP Current Account	9,886.73	16,011.48	18,503.18	10,796.76	8,229.59	2,776.33	4,739.12	6,725.72	3,483.13	3,763.71
COOP Savings	25,000.00	21,388.01	21,041.74	20,940.76	20,911.83	20,807.79	20,704.27	25,416.66	25,290.21	25,189.51
	<u>34,886.73</u>	<u>37,399.49</u>	<u>39,544.92</u>	<u>31,737.52</u>	<u>29,141.42</u>	<u>23,584.12</u>	<u>25,443.39</u>	<u>32,142.38</u>	<u>28,773.34</u>	<u>28,953.22</u>

RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT OF FUNDS	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2015	2014	2013
Opening Funds	37,399.49	39,544.92	31,737.52	29,141.42	23,584.12	25,443.39	27,031.62	28,773.34	28,953.22	28,274.88
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(2,512.76)	(2,145.43)	7,807.40	2,596.10	5,557.30	(1,859.27)	(1,588.23)	3,369.04	(179.88)	678.34
Closing Funds	<u>34,886.73</u>	<u>37,399.49</u>	<u>39,544.92</u>	<u>31,737.52</u>	<u>29,141.42</u>	<u>23,584.12</u>	<u>25,443.39</u>	<u>32,142.38</u>	<u>28,773.34</u>	<u>28,953.22</u>

The accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024 were approved at the AGM of Riding for the Disabled - The Foresters' Horn Group

Co-Chairperson	_____	Date	_____
Co-Chairperson	_____	Date	_____
Treasurer	_____	Date	_____