

SHIFFORD CARRIAGE DRIVING GROUP RDA

CHARITY NUMBER 1208637

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR FIRST FINANCIAL PERIOD

12TH JUNE 2024 TO 30TH NOVEMBER 2025

Since registration as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 12th June 2024 the group has made considerable progress towards becoming established at its new driving venue in Charney Bassett. At that venue we are kindly hosted by the Godfrey family.

During the summer of 2024 the venue was assessed by the Riding for Disabled Association as being suitable for RDA Carriage Driving Activities. The two existing ponies were also assessed as suitable for use at the venue.

The group meets to provide pleasure drives to participants on village roads and off road tracks at the venue, on Wednesday mornings from April to October inclusive, weather dependant

Participants

We were able to begin carriage driving with our 5 regular participants in August 2024. Between that date and the end of October 2025 we have delivered 131 individual participant sessions. We have a waiting list for the 2026 driving season.

Volunteers

We started the year with 2 coaches, 2 trainee coaches and 4 other volunteers. During the course of the year we were able to recruit 3 more volunteers. However, by the end of the year the 2 trainee coaches stepped back for personal reasons. We are actively looking to recruit more volunteers.

Coaches

In June 2025, one of our new volunteers qualified as a coach. We now have 3 carriage driving coaches

Equines

The group owned pony moved to new accommodation in May 2024. She is transported to the driving venue on driving days. In January 2025 group funds were used to purchase a mobile field shelter and store for her paddock. She was selected as the RDA Equine of the Year for 2025 and in July 2025 volunteers attended the RDA National Championships at Hartpury to collect her award.

The 2 other equines used by the group are owned by our Chair and are loaned to the group on driving days. Group funds are used to pay for their shoeing expenses. The elder of these equines had to take a break from driving in the late spring of 2025 due to lameness. It is hoped that he will be fit to resume driving in the 2026 season. The younger of these

equines passed his RDA assessment in June 2025 and now pulls the 4 wheeled carriage. Therefore, the group now has 3 qualified driving ponies.

Fundraising

In September 2025 our Chair and the younger of her equines (who is a ride and drive) completed the Abingdon RDA Sponsored Ride at Blenheim accompanied by another volunteer on her horse. Together they raised over £1300 for the group. Volunteers have commenced giving talks to local interest and community groups and which are also producing donations

Other

In March 2025 the CEO and the Finance Director of RDA UK visited the group. They met with participants and volunteers and enjoyed a carriage drive. A meeting was then held with group trustees to discuss a historic legacy received by the group and in respect of which it was unclear as to whether the intended beneficiary should be the Shifford Group or RDA UK. The matter was resolved by the group making a donation from those legacy funds to RDA UK. RDA UK agreed that the donation would be applied towards the development of a carriage driving coaching pathway and practical carriage driving training for the benefit of the association generally.

Forward plans for 2026

Abingdon RDA has kindly agreed to allow the group to use its indoor arena over the winter of 2025/26 for the purpose of familiarising and training the ponies to work with carriages in a ménage and in an indoor environment. It is hoped that this will ultimately lead to the group being able to provide additional activities to participants in the form of driving obstacles, cones and dressage tests.

The group is also working towards being able to extend activities to long distance driving on the private roads of a local farming estate and to hold an annual picnic drive.

The trustees are grateful to all of our wonderful volunteers for their time and effort in helping to develop the group.

The trustees who served for this financial year are:-

Mrs D Godfrey

Mrs A Hook

Mrs C Jessop

This trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees at the first AGM held on 17th February 2026

D Godfrey

17th February 2026

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Mrs D Godfrey Chair.

Dated



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Shifford Carriage Driving Group
Riding for the Disabled

No
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01-Jun-24	To	30-Nov-25
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restrict ed funds to the nearest £	Endowm ent funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
	-	-	-	-	-
Grant Coach Training	165	-	-	165	-
RDA Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Donations Participants	1,055	-	-	1,055	1,191
Donations other	475	-	-	475	827
Fundraising	1,388	-	-	1,388	-
Miscellaneous Income	462	-	-	462	456
Reinvested Dividends	2,464	-	-	2,464	1,418
	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal (Gross income for AR)	6,009	-	-	6,009	3,892
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sale of Investments	20,500	-	-	20,500	6,000
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	20,500	-	-	20,500	6,000
Total receipts	26,509	-	-	26,509	9,892
A3 Payments					
Field Rent/ Livery	4,500	-	-	4,500	900
Pony Hire	2,600	-	-	2,600	-
Feed Merchant	36	-	-	36	491
Hay/Bedding	367	-	-	367	1,461
Farrier	995	-	-	995	1,188
Vet/Dentist	56	-	-	56	595
Transport Ponies	293	-	-	293	89
Coach Training	165	-	-	165	-
RDA Fees	923	-	-	923	639
Insurance Trailer	112	-	-	112	168
Insurance Pony	665	-	-	665	459
Fund raising costs	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	1,489	-	-	1,489	1,038
Sub total	12,201	-	-	12,201	7,028
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
Reinvestment of earnings	2,464	-	-	2,464	1,418
Purchase of Assets	5,500	-	-	5,500	-
Transfer to National Office	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
Accruals	-	-	-	-	761
Sub total	17,964	-	-	17,964	657

Total payments	30,165	-	-	30,165	7,685
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Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,656	-	-	- 3,656	2,207
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-		-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,211	-	-	6,211	2,207
Cash funds this year end	2,555	-	-	2,555	4,414

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	Barclays Current Account	2,251	-	-
	Cash in hand	304	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,555	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		Fund to which asset	Cost (optional)	Current value
B3 Investment assets	Investment Fund Units		-	33,367
	Property Fund		-	31,622
		Fund to which	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Catherine Jessop	17-Feb-26	