

Riding for Disabled Association, Newtownards Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104189

Details

Known as	RDA, Newtownards Group
Status	Received
Registered	2015-11-10
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: The objects of the Group are to promote the objects of the Riding for the Disabled Association incorporating Carriage Driving (Company No 5010395) a charity registered in England and Wales under Charity Number 244108 ("the Company") by providing disabled people with the opportunity to ride and/or to carriage drive to benefit their health and wellbeing in the [-----] area.

What the charity does: The advancement of health or the saving of lives, The advancement of amateur sport, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Disability, Sport/recreation

Who the charity helps: Learning disabilities, Physical disabilities

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£5,414	£5,713	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Christopher Peter Edward Mcmorran		
Mrs Celia Margaret Mcmorran		
Mrs Emily Mckenna		
Mrs Helena Strong		
Mrs Penelope Rawlings		
Mrs Sarah Ann Mcveigh		
Mrs Sarah Anne Furney		
Mrs Valerie Elizabeth Campbell		
Ms Caroline Twemlow		

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Accounts

Riding for Disabled Association, Newtownards Group
Statement of Receipts and Payments - Year End 31 January 2025

	2025
	Unrestricted
	/ Total Funds
	£
Receipts	
Voluntary Receipts	
Raffles/Tickets	0.00
Donations	2010.41
HMRC Gift Aid	0.00
Travel Reimbursements	847.20
Apparel/Christmas Cards	265.80
Subs	1091.00
RDA NI/HO Payments	<u>1200.00</u>
Total	5414.41
Payments	
Horse Hire	1610.00
Sundries	0.00
Apparel & Christmas Cards	97.00
Insurance	477.00
Events	2506.57
Courses	522.50
Equipment	433.12
Agency Charges/Bank	67.64
Prizes/presentations/gifts	<u>0.00</u>
Total	5713.83
Surplus Net Receipts/Payment	-299.42
Reconciliation 31.1.25	
Cash at bank & in hand 31.1.24	8798.77
Surplus this year end	<u>-299.42</u>
	8499.35

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Statement of assets and liabilities - Year Ended 31st January 2025
Funds Reconciliation

	2025
	Unrestricted
	/ Total Funds
	£
Cash at bank & in hand 31.1.24	8798.77
Surplus this year end	<u>-299.42</u>
	8499.35
Bank & Cash	
Bank Current Account 31.1.25	8298.03
Cash in hand	<u>201.32</u>
	8499.35
Other Assets	
Horse Equipment	420.00
Rider Equipment	400.00
Gift Aid Accrued on donations at Year end	0.00
Apparel	70.00
Liabilities	
Horse Hire for January 2025	0.00

*last years depreciate by 10% including purchases in the year
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(Jumpers)

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	2024
	Unrestricted
	/ Total Funds
	£
Receipts	
Voluntary Receipts	
Raffles/Tickets	0.00
Donations	1880.21
HMRC Gift Aid	96.30
Travel Reimbursements	0.00
Apparel/Christmas Cards	0.00
Subs	941.99
RDA NI/HO Payments	<u>400.00</u>
Total	3318.50
Payments	
Horse Hire	1575.00
Sundries	16.00
Apparel & Christmas Cards	0.00
Insurance	460.00
Events	974.30
Courses	0.00
Equipment	0.00
Agency Charges/Bank	59.16
Prizes/presentations/gifts	<u>176.36</u>
Total	3260.82
Surplus Net Receipts/Payment	57.68
Reconciliation 31.1.24	
Cash at bank & in hand 31.1.23	8741.09
Surplus this year end	<u>57.68</u>
	8798.77

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	2024
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	£
Cash at bank & in hand 31.1.23	8741.09
Surplus this year end	<u>57.68</u>
	8798.77
Bank & Cash	
Bank Current Account 31.1.24	8698.45
Cash in hand	<u>100.32</u>
	8798.77
Other Assets	
Horse Equipment	515.00
Rider Equipment	310.00
Gift Aid Accrued on donations at Year end	0.00
Apparel	70.00
Liabilities	
Horse Hire for January 2024	120.00

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TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Riding for the Disabled Association, Newtownards
Group

Charity No NI 104189

The Charity exists to provide disabled people in the Newtownards and North Down area with the opportunity to ride and interact with horses to benefit their physical and emotional wellbeing. The Charity exists under the auspices of RDA National Office to whose policies and guidelines we adhere.

The principal address for the Charity and contact for the Charity Commission is Mrs Celia McMorran, 51 Earlswood Road, Belfast BT4 3EA

The Group meets at Birr House Riding Centre, Craigtantlet where it has exclusive use of the indoor school on Tuesday mornings, by kind permission of the proprietor, Caroline McVeigh. A payment of £15 per horse hired is paid, In a normal session four horses are used with each horse being ridden by up to three different riders, Each rider contributes £4. The group held 25 sessions in the past year with a few sessions having to be cancelled due to inclement weather. Our normal number of 10 -13 riders includes four pupils from Tor Bank School, Dundonald. The remaining riders are adults who come from various care homes and private addresses in the area. Proficiency tests as prescribed by the RDA parent body were undertaken successfully

by a number of the Tor Bank riders. The older riders took part in a number of categories of the Virtual Championships, again with great success. Two of our riders qualified to attend the National Championships at Hartpury and were able to attend with great success and the support of three of our volunteers .

All of the Group's qualified coaches and trained helpers are volunteers. The Group currently has 28 volunteers, 3 of whom joined this year. In addition to weekly rides the Group keeps in touch by WhatsApp. We also have one coach in training. The Group is managed by its trustees, all of whom volunteer 'on the ground' as either coaches or helpers. A new Chairman was appointed this year; the previous chair resigned and is no longer a trustee. The new chair will become a trustee along with another volunteer. The AGM was held on 11 June 2024.

The Group's funds remain healthy with a year end sum of £8,798.77. The main outgoings are horse hire and insurance, Christmas cards, equipment, prizes and gifts were also purchased. Income was derived from the Easyfundraising donation scheme, HMRC Gift Aid and fund-raising by members/supporters of our group, for its benefit. There were two fundraising events - a pub quiz and Doggy Santa's Grotto .

The public benefit delivered by the Group is reflected in the achievements of its riders, It delivers them the opportunity to ride and learn about horse management to the level of their ability, choice and ambition within a safe structured and enjoyable environment. The

improvement in confidence, physical ability, wellbeing and education derived from the experience of our riders extends beyond the arena. This demonstrated by all those who ride with our Group.

The Group ensures that each session is conducted safely under the direction of qualified coaches whose skills are regularly reviewed. Volunteers are trained on joining and receive ongoing guidance on a regular basis. All volunteers, coaches and helpers, are required to satisfy an Enhanced Access NI check. Before acceptance of an application to join the Group two references are sought and taken up. The Group adheres to the RDA parent policy with regard to safeguarding, which policy is regularly reviewed. A qualified first aider attends all sessions.

We consider that we have had regard to the Commission's guidance on public benefit and have fulfilled our obligations in this respect.

Signed

Mrs Helena Strong, Chair

And on behalf of the Newtownards Group Trustees
Mrs Celia McMorran, Secretary/Organiser
Mr Christopher McMorran, Treasurer
Mrs Caroline Twemlow
Mrs Penelope Rawlings
Mrs Sarah Furney
Mrs Valerie Campbell
Mrs Sally McVeigh
Ms Emily McKenna

Riding for Disabled Association, Newtownards Group

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Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Riding for the Disabled, Newtownards Group

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 January 2024, which are set out on The Statement of Receipts and Payments and Statement of Assets and Liabilities as attached.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Paul Wallace BA FCA
Wallace & Co Chartered Accountants

1st March 2024

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Accounts

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Statement of Receipts and Payments - Year End 31 January 2023

	2022-2023
	Unrestricted
	/ Total Funds
	£
Receipts	
Voluntary Receipts	
Raffles/Tickets	0.00
Donations	817.27
HMRC Gift Aid	0.00
Travel Reimbursements	281.84
Apparel/Christmas Cards	58.56
Subs	746.00
RDA NI/HO Payments	<u>0.00</u>
Total	1903.67
Payments	
Horse Hire	1120.00
Sundries	45.30
Apparel & Christmas Cards	56.66
Insurance / RDA Head office Payment	460.00
Events	533.34
Courses	0.00
Equipment	186.36
Agency Charges/Bank	70.38
Prizes/presentations/gifts	<u>160.08</u>
Total	2632.12
Net Receipts/Payments	-728.45
Reconciliation 31.1.23	
Cash at bank & in hand 31.1.22	9469.54
Surplus this year end	<u>-728.45</u>
	8741.09

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	£
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Surplus this year end	<u>-728.45</u>
	8741.09
Bank & Cash	
Bank Current Account 31.1.23	8649.89
Cheque Outstanding	<u>57.12</u>
	8592.77
Cash in hand	<u>148.32</u>
	8741.09
Other Assets	
Horse Equipment	575.00
Rider Equipment	340.00
Gift Aid Accrued on donations at Year end	87.00
Apparel	70.00
Liabilities	
Horse Hire for January 2023	105.00

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All the Group's qualified coaches and trained helpers are volunteers. The Group currently has 25 volunteers, 4 of whom joined this year. In addition to weekly rides the Group keeps in touch by WhatsApp. We also have one coach in training. The Group is managed by its trustees all of whom volunteer 'on the ground' as either coaches or helpers. A new Chairman was appointed this year; the previous Chair remains a

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**Paul Wallace BA FCA
Wallace & Co Chartered Accountants**

3rd March 2023

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