

Cavallo Group R.D.A

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104212

Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-11-17

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

Contact

Address 30 Loughries Road
Newtownards
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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 Ards 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

Who the charity helps: Learning disabilities, Physical disabilities

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-11-30	£11	£4,230	£0	0
2024-11-30	£163	£1,573	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Beryl Mcilwaine		
Heather Forrest		
Lady Perdita Blackwood		

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Accounts

Cavallo Group Riding for the Disabled

Statement of Receipts and Payments - Year Ended 30 November 2025

	£	£
Receipts		
Donations		0
Bank interest	11.02	
Total	11.02	

Payments

Farrier Fees	900
Veterinary Fees	326.05
RDA Membership & Insurance	482
Equine Dentist	275
Pony Purchase	2135
First Aid Bandages	78.4
Bank Fees	33.28

Total	4229.73
Deficit for the year	4218.71

Reconciliation 30.11.2025

Cash at Bank 1.12.2024	11664.69
Deficit this year	4218.71
Cash at Bank 30.11.2025	7445.98

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities - Year Ended 30 November 2025

Funds Reconciliation

	£	£
Cash in Bank 1.12.2024	11664.69	
Deficit this Year end	4218.71	
Cash in Bank 1.12.2025	7445.98	
Other Assets		
Tack (estimated value)		1750
Total		1750

Approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by

Lady P Blackwood

Lady P Blackwood
Chair

Joan Moore

Joan Moore
Treasurer

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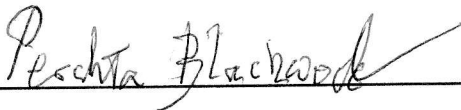
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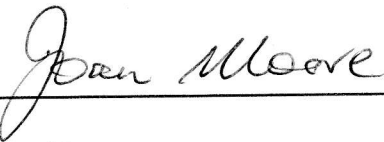
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	£	£
Cash in Bank 1.12.2023	13075.25	
Deficit this Year end	1410.56	
Cash in Bank 1.12.2024	<u>11664.69</u>	
 Other Assets		
Tack (estimated value)		2150
Play Equipment (estimated value)		125
Total		<u>2275</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 2nd Sept 2025 and signed on their behalf by



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Cavallo Group Riding for the Disabled

Statement of Assets and Liabilities - Year Ended 30 November 2023

Funds Reconciliation

	£	£
Cash in Bank 1.12.2022	13772.77	
Deficit this Year end	697.52	
Cash in Bank 1.12.2023	<u>13075.25</u>	
Other Assets		
Tack (estimated value)		2250
Play Equipment (estimated value)		150
Total		<u>2400</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 16th August 2024 and signed on their behalf by

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Annual report

Trustees Annual Report
Cavallo Group Riding for the Disabled
1st December 2022 – 30th November 2023
Charity No NI 104212

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The Group meet on Tuesday afternoons during term time. We have four riders per session and our participants come from Mitchell House School.

We are fortunate to have the use of the indoor school at Cavallo Farm at no cost to the Group. All our ponies are owned by the group or are on long term loan. Our main costs are insurance and membership fees of the RDA parent body and maintenance costs for the ponies as detailed in the accounts and from which you will see our bank balance remains healthy. Income comes largely from donations. We are currently maintaining 5 active ponies and 2 retirees. All coaches and helpers are volunteers. No monetary value for the purposes of the Accounts has been placed on the ponies due to their advanced years. On retirement, the ponies will remain on the farm for the remainder of their lives. We are still trying to acquire a suitable 11.2HH pony.

We were greatly saddened this year by the deaths of one of our Trustees, Mr Tom McIlwaine in December 2022 and a volunteer, Mr Jonny Johnston in May 2023. Both were long standing supporters of the group.

The public benefit delivered by the Cavallo Group can be seen in the achievements of the riders. Less easy to quantify but equally beneficial is the opportunity provided by having close contact with the horse and the sense of achievement which can be observed in the participants. Relationships built with the volunteers help with social skills and the physical benefits of improved core strength, balance and co-ordination are also apparent.

We make every effort to ensure that the sessions are conducted safely by using suitably qualified coaches and trained volunteers. All have to go through an Enhanced Access NI check as well as providing two references. With effect from this year, all volunteers must renew their Access NI check every three years. The Group has a safeguarding policy which is reviewed annually and coaches must complete a safe guarding course every three years. A qualified First Aider is always in attendance.

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

Signed..........

Lady P Blackwood, Chairman and Trustee

On behalf of the following Trustees of the Group

Mrs Beryl McIlwaine

Mrs Heather Forrest

Attachments

1. Copy of the Accounts and list of Assets
2. Copy of Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees

Cavallo Group R.D.A

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104212

Annual return

To The Trustees of Cavallo Group Riding for the Disabled

I have examined your charity accounts for the year ended 30 November 2023 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.

Independent examiner's statement

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.

Name: NEIL O'PREY 

Relevant professional qualification or body: ACA

Address: 22 Stanthorn Lane, Belfast
BT4 2BT

Date 26/1/24

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Accounts

Cavallo Group Riding for the Disabled

Statement of Assets and Liabilities - Year Ended 30 November 2022

Funds Reconciliation	
Cash in Bank 1.12.2021	16105.72
Deficit this Year end	2332.95
Cash in Bank 1.12.2022	<u>13772.77</u>
Other Assets	
Tack (estimated value)	2500
Play Equipment (estimated value)	150
Total	<u>2650</u>

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The balance on our account remains healthy at this time. We have been able to purchase a 12.2HH piebald pony called Puzzle and he has proved to be very suitable for purpose. We are still hoping to find a suitable 11.2HH pony.

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Name: NEIL O'PREY FCA

Relevant professional qualification or body: CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Address: 22 STRATHEARN IRELAND
LANE BELFAST BT4 2BT

Date 5/4/23

