

Riding for the Disabled. STRABANE Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104338

Details

Status	Overdue
Registered	2016-01-12
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

Address	29 Grovemount Park Altnagelvin Londonderry Bt47 5sq BT47 5SQ
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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 Strabane area.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of health or the saving of lives, The advancement of amateur sport

How the charity works: Disability, Education/training, Sport/recreation, Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: Learning disabilities, Physical disabilities, Sensory disabilities, Volunteers

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-05-31	£2,996	£2,437	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mrs Anne Kennedy		
Mrs Avril Pollock	Teacher's Certificate 1967	
Mrs Kathleen Duffy		
Mrs Maura Mcbeth		

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Accounts



Strabane Riding for the Disabled Y/E May 2024

Income	AMOUNT	Expenditure	AMOUNT
Bank Interest	23.94	Bank Charges	36.22
Quiz	1,505.00	Insurance Affiliation	460.00
Dog Show	180.00	Flowers	35.00
Collection Box	151.56	Christmas Gifts	13.50
		Riding School	1875
Total Income	1,860.50	Total Expenditure	2419.72
Opening Balance May 2023	2996.78	Closing Balance May 2024	2437.56
Income & Opening Balance	4,857.28	Income & Opening Balance May 2022	4857.28
MAKE UP OF FUNDS MAY 2023		MAKE UP OF FUNDS MAY 2024	
Current Account	757.55	Current Account	1395.01
Deposit Account	2019.23	Deposit Account	1041.99
Cash	220	Cash	0.56
TOTAL FUNDS MAY 2023	2996.78	TOTAL FUNDS MAY 2024	2437.56

SIGNATURE

CHAIRPERSON
AVRIL POLLOCK

TREASURER
MAURA MCBETH

Avril Pollock

Maura McBeth

CHAIRTY COMMISSION NUMBER 104338



STRABANE RIDING FOR DISABLED

Statement of assets & Liabilities

For year ending 31st May 2024

Cash at Bank 1st June 2023 5195.42

Cash at Bank 31st May 2024 2996.78

OTHER ASSETS

Hats & Boots 291.00

Game Equipment 257.88

Reins 67.96

Helmets 440.00

LIABILITIES 0.00

TOTAL ASSETS 3255.54

Approved by the Trustees on 29th May 2024 and signed on their behalf by

Signature

Chairperson

Treasurer

Charity Commission No. NIC 104338

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Accounts



Strabane Riding for the Disabled Y/E May 2023

Income	AMOUNT	Expenditure	AMOUNT
Collection Box	69.00	New Hats	440.00
Donation Probus	400.00	Christmas Gifts	22.00
Bank Interest	4.38	Flowers Anne Kennedy	39.00
Donation D. Rowan	110.00	Bank Fees	33.02
Donation Frylite	275.00	First Aid Course	500.00
Donation Probus Ladies	200	First Aid Refreshments	28.00
		First Aid Venue	20.00
		Rising School	2175
Total Income	1,058.38	Total Expenditure	3,257.02
Opening Balance May 2022	5,195.42	Closing Balance May 2023	2,996.78
Income & Opening Balance	6,253.80	Expenditure & Closing Balance	6,253.80
MAKE UP OF FUNDS MAY 2022		MAKE UP OF FUNDS MAY 2023	
Current Account	3,164.91	Current Account	757.55
Deposit Account	2,017.51	Deposit Account	2,019.23
Cash	13	Cash	220
TOTAL FUNDS MAY 2022	5,195.42	TOTAL FUNDS MAY 2023	2,996.78

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CHARITY COMMISSION NUMBER 104338

2023



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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>3255.54</u>

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Signature P.P. Kennedy
P.P. Chairperson

M. McBeth
Treasurer

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Annual report

STRABANE RDA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 31st. MAY, 2023

MADAM CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A warm welcome to you all for our 3^{2nd} Annual General Meeting which is back to its usual slot at the end of May.

Our last Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, 28th September, 2022 when we had already started our new school year two weeks earlier on Wednesday, 14th September, 2022 so it was rather surreal!

We began this past year in a stronger position than the previous year as we were more familiar with all the new legislation required, we had enlisted a few more helpers to replace those who had left after the pandemic was over and we had most of the same pupils from Knockavoe as before so everything has been running quite smoothly.

Of the 3 new helpers who came in September, 1 dropped out after only her first session due to a cataract operation which, unfortunately, was not successful. The other 2 stayed the course, though intermittently, as they both have young children who are sometimes off school. Then, mid November, 2 more very welcome new helpers arrived who are very much staying the course. And, 2 weeks ago, another new helper turned up. This brings our total number of helpers to 14 which would seem ample enough but we still need to expand our pool of helpers. Not everyone can be present every week for various reasons and sometimes several helpers don't make it on a particular week. The highest number of attendees was 11 on 14th September, 2022 and then not until the 3rd May, 2023. The lowest number of attendees was 6 on the 8th March of this year. We always have to deduct 3 from those numbers as Julie is the coach, and Kathleen and myself are not physically able to work in the arena. So occasionally, we have had to rely on Knockavoe staff, who accompany the pupils, to make up the numbers required.

We are still operating with just 2 ponies but after many months of searching for another suitable pony, Julie has finally been successful. However, for the moment, we just don't have enough helpers to field 3 ponies.

We also had a visit by our 'boss' Marina Kidney on Wednesday, 28th September, 2022 (same date as AGM) who examined some pupils for their Grade 1 Test. She was well satisfied that all our records etc were in order.

We had earmarked the 7th December for a much lesser Christmas Party – no games in the arena, just a normal RDA session but Santa would arrive to hand out presents. But, it turned into quite a lively affair!! Julie had made a great effort to decorate the area outside of the

arena, Bruno and Jonnie were kitted out for the occasion and some helpers were also suitably attired! The atmosphere was buzzing!

We had a long winter break of 6 weeks and then resumed on Wednesday, 11th January, 2023. The beginning of 2023 was rather busy as we had to renew both our First Aid and Safeguarding courses which we have to do every 3 years. The first Aid course took place on Thursday 12th January, 2023 and the Safeguarding Course on Thursday, 16th February, 2023. Both courses were well attended.

On instructions from RDA HQ we also had to replace 7 of our riding hats by January 2023 to conform to new regulations. We were fortunate in that all 7 hats were sponsored by 2 local businesses as, once again, we have not been able to do any fundraising this past year.

And that brings us nicely to all things financial which I'm hoping our treasurer will clarify.

Next week, the 7th June, will be our last meeting before the summer vacation. We will have a small awards ceremony to which an invitation to parents has been extended. We tried this once before but no parents came so we just have to wait and see.

That ladies, is a brief summary of Strabane RDA group for the year. I hope I haven't left anything or anyone out. Last, but not least, my thanks to each of you, especially Anne our secretary and Maura our treasurer, for your input and commitment to Strabane RDA because without you we just couldn't function.

Thank you. ~

Signed: *Anril Pollock*
CHAIRPERSON

Date: *31, May 2023*



Normally the Group would have raised funds either through a Bag Pack at ASDA or a foyer collection, and also from collection boxes in local shops.

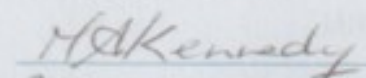
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Volunteers have been encouraged to use The Easyfunding App when shopping online and a percentage is donated to the group.

All volunteers and coaches have completed the Enhanced Access (N.I.) check. The Group has a Child Protection /Safeguarding Policy, updated annually and most volunteers have an up-to-date First Aid Certificate. There is always a nominated First Aider at each lesson.

The group has fulfilled the function in accordance with the Constitution and at all times has adhered to the Commission's guidance on Public Benefit and has met the obligations in regard to above.

Signed: Mrs. Avril Pollock


P.P. Chairperson / Trustee

Riding for the Disabled. STRABANE Group

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Annual return



Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Strabane Riding for the Disabled

I report on the accounts of the Trustees for the year ending 31st May 2023, which are set out on pages 01 - 02.

Respective responsibilities of the 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 account 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 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: BERNARD DONAGHEY (MSTA)

Relevant professional qualification or body:

Retired Accountant.

Address:

18A GLEN ROAD STRABANE

Date:

6th January 2024.

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Accounts

2021



STRABANE RIDING FOR DISABLED

Statement of assets & Liabilities

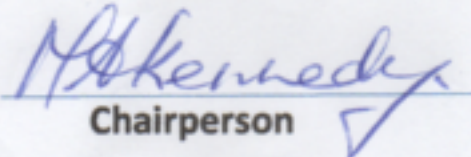
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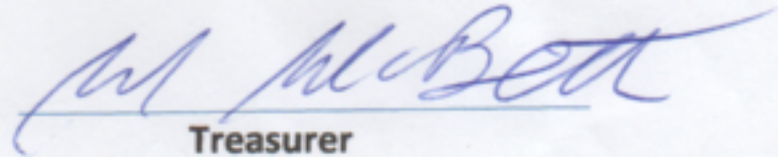
Cash at Bank 1 st June 2020		2697.47
Cash at Bank 31 st May 2021		<u>2893.20</u>
OTHER ASSETS		
Hats and Boots	291.00	
Games Equipment	257.88	
Reins	67.96	
Helmets	<u>359.00</u>	
LIABILITIES	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>3869.04</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 29th May 2021 and signed on their behalf by

Signature

P.P


Chairperson


Treasurer

Charity Commission No. NIC 104338

STRABANE RIDING FOR DISABLED Y/E MAY 2021



<u>INCOME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Collection Boxes	£293.70	Ins/Affiliation	£381.00
ASDA	£300.00	Flowers (80th)	£40.00
Bank Credit Interest	£2.48	Bank Fees	£19.45
Donation (Maeve)	£40.00		
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	£636.18	<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>	£440.45
<u>Opening Balance May 2020</u>	£2,697.47	<u>Closing Bal May 2021</u>	£2,893.20
<u>Total Income+Opening Bal</u>	£3,333.65	<u>Expenditure + Closing balance</u>	£3,333.65

MAKE UP OF FUNDS MAY 2020

MAKE UP OF FUNDS MAY 2021

Current Account	£681.71	Current Account	£875.89
Deposit Account	£2,015.76	Deposit Account	£2,017.31
<u>TOTAL FUNDS AT MAY 2020</u>	£2,697.47	<u>AT MAY 2021</u>	£2,893.20

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STRABANE RIDING FOR DISABLED



Trustees' Annual Report for the Financial Year 1st June 2020– 31st May 2021

RIDING FOR THE DISABLED, STRABANE GROUP

Registered with the Charity Commission, Northern Ireland

CHARITY NUMBER – NIC 104338

Riding for the Disabled – Strabane Group offers horse riding to children with disabilities within the Strabane area.

The Principal address for the Charity is Mrs. Avril Pollock, 29 Grovemount Park, Londonderry, BT47 5SQ, and the contact for the Charity Commission is Mrs. Anne Kennedy, 3 Carrick Strand, Strabane, BT82 9RN.

The group meets each Wednesday morning during school term time. An A.G.M. was held on 16th June 2021 outlining the safety measures and the provision of safety of all concerned. As a result of this we could only work with one school instead of four schools in a group. The group closed in March 2019 due to the pandemic and since the reopening after lockdown on September 15th the group works with approximately seven (7) pupils one school, namely Knockavoe Special School.

As well as learning to ride, the children learn to be comfortable around the animals, and perform the care and grooming of the horses and the care and storage of the saddles, numnahs etc.

All activities are carried out at the Ashlee Riding School, Carricklee, Strabane, thus providing premises and facilities at a cost of £75 per morning. Ms. Julie Duffy is the owner and the qualified coach for the group. Mrs. Laura Early is also available as coach. The premises cost is the largest outlay of expenditure, as the coach and all helpers are volunteers. Most of the volunteers have up-to date Child Protection and First Aid Certificates. We have very few volunteers (10) in the group as a result of the pandemic and have been unable to fund-raise.

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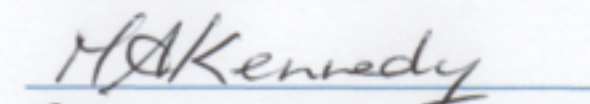
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Signed: Mrs. Avril Pollock


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on behalf of the following Trustees of the Group.

Mrs. Kathleen Duffy

Mrs. Susan Orr

Mrs. Maura McBeth

Mrs. Anne Kennedy

ATTACHMENTS

1. Copy of the Accounts and list of Assets.
2. Copy of Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees
3. Annual Report to Trustees

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Name: **BERNARD DONAGHEY (MSTA)**
ACCOUNTANT + AUDITOR (RETIRED)

Relevant professional qualification or body:

Address: **18A GLEN ROAD STRABANE**

Date: **15/3/2022**

Telephone **02871 882817.**